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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

U.S. SHOOTS DOWN TWO BALLISTIC MISSILES OF HOUTHIS IN RED SEA

The US on Sunday said it shot down two anti-ship ballistic missiles fired towards a container ship by Yemen's Houthi rebels in the Red Sea

FORCES FOIL BID TO HIJACK SHIP, KILL REBELS

Hours later, four boats tried to attack the same ship, but US forces opened fire, killing several of the armed crews, the US Central Command said. No one was injured on the ship. The Singapore-flagged MAERSK HANZGHOU reported they had already been hit by a missile Saturday night while transiting the Southern Red Sea and requested assistance, the US said

U.S. NAVY SINKS THREE BOATS OF INSURGENTS

- The US Navy helicopters sank three of the four boats, killing the crew while the fourth boat fled the area, US Central Command said, and no damage to US personnel or equipment was reported
- The Iran-backed Houthis claim they are targeting only ships with Israeli links and the aim is to end Israel's deadly assault on Gaza | **P11**

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WARSHIPS FROM THE U.S., FRANCE, AND U.K. ARE PATROLLING THE RED SEA

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

WELCOME 2024

Hundreds of revellers welcome the New Year on Brigade Road in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA | P2

Navy on high alert after ship attacks

Warships, missile destroyers, and surveillance aircraft deployed in Arabian Sea, Gulf of Aden

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

WITH the dramatic rise in targeted attacks on merchant vessels transiting through international shipping lanes in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, and Central / North Arabian Sea, the Indian Navy has beefed up maritime surveillance. Warships and surveillance aircraft have been deployed in view of the heightened threat perception, Indian Navy spokesperson Commander Vivek Madhwal said on Sunday.

The development comes after back-to-back attacks on merchant vessels. On December 23, MV Chem Pluto carrying 20 Indian crew members was hit by a drone off India's west coast. On the same day, MV Sai Baba, which was on its way to India came under a suspected drone strike in the Southern Red Sea. Earlier, merchant ship MV Ruen was hijacked and taken to the territorial waters of Somalia.

"Task groups comprising destroyers and frigates have been deployed to undertake maritime security operations and render assistance to merchant vessels in case of any incident. Aerial surveillance by long-range maritime patrol aircraft and RPAs (remotely piloted aircraft) has been enhanced to have complete maritime domain awareness," Madhval said.

The deployment into the Arabian Sea includes Navy's missile destroyers INS Kolkata, INS Kochi, INS Mormugao, INS Chennai, and INS Visakhapatnam.

INS Kolkata is deployed on the mouth of the Red Sea; INS Kochi in south of Yemen Socotra Island; INS Mormugao in west Arabian sea; and INS Chennai in Central Arabian sea. INS Visakhapatnam was moved in early this week and was tasked to patrol the north Arabian Sea.

The Indian Navy has also deployed Boeing-made P8I multi-mission aircraft along with long endurance Sea Guardian drone to constantly survey the vessels in Arabian Sea and up to Gulf of Aden to identify suspicious ships.

These assets have been pressed into service to keep the sea lanes of communication between Bab el-Mandeb to Indian coast safe for merchant shipping and missile attack taking place in West Asia.

EXPRESS READ

ISRO's polarimetry mission launch today

Bengaluru: The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is geared up to launch India's first dedicated polarimetry mission to study black holes and neutron stars on Monday. The countdown for XPoSat (X-ray Polarimeter Satellite) began at the SDSC-SHAR, Sriharikota, on Sunday | **P7**

Pratap Simha's bro gets bail in tree-felling case

Hassan: Vikram Simha, brother of Kodagu-Mysuru MP Pratap Simha, was granted bail by the Belur JMFC on Sunday, in a case of alleged felling of 125 trees on revenue land in Belur taluk of Hassan district recently. After getting bail, he said his arrest is politically motivated | **P4**

Gifts from Sita's birthplace to reach Ayodhya on Jan 6

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

DAYS before the consecration of the Ram Temple on January 22, a 500-member procession, carrying 1,100 *bhars* (baskets) of items meant as wedding gifts for Lord Ram will reach Ayodhya from Nepal's Janakpur, the birthplace of his bride Sita.

The procession will start from Janaki Mandir in Janakpur on January 4 and is expected to reach Ayodhya two days later on January 6.

"The *bhars* will contain lots of wedding gifts including jewellery, gold and silver items, dry fruits, utensils, garments, cosmetics and quintals of food grains like rice – all of which we traditionally give as gifts to a bride when she gets married and goes to live with her groom. Since Sita was from Janakpur, we will carry all this to Ayodhya as an offering to Lord Rama on January 6, which will be ahead of the consecration of Ram Temple on January 22," Lalit Shah, a member of the Janakpurdhamash Ayodhyadham Bhar Yatra, a committee which is organising the visit, told this newspaper.

The local authorities in Ayodhya have made arrangements to accommodate 251 people who are part of the procession. Arrangements are being made by the organising committee to accommodate the rest at various private facilities.

The distance between Janakpur and Ayodhya is 458 km.

"We will begin our journey from Janaki Mandir, and then, via Jaleshwar, reach Birganj where we will rest for the night. Around 30 cars and five buses will be part of the procession that will carry these gifts. On January 5, we will enter India via Raxaul and have lunch at Betia. Then via Gorakpur and Bastipur we will reach Ayodhya," said Shah. At 8 am on January 6, the delegation will hand over the 1,100 *bhars* to the trustees of the temple.

Panagariya appointed Finance Commn chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

FORMER vice-chairman of Niti Aayog Arvind Panagariya was on Sunday appointed chairman of the 16th Finance Commission. Panagariya was the first vice-chairman of the government's policy think-tank and he held the position from January 2015 to August 2017, when he resigned.

As a chairman of the finance commission, Panagariya will have the difficult task of formulating a revenue-sharing model amid the growing chasm between the northern and the southern states. The latter have been complaining of getting very little from the Centre's divisible tax pool due to the poor performance of northern states such as Bihar.

Ritvik Ranjanam Pandey, joint secretary in the Union finance ministry, has been appointed secretary to the Commission. The other members will be notified separately.

The Finance Commission is expected to present its comprehensive report by October 31, 2025, covering a period of five years commencing from April 1, 2026.

MHA declares Tehreek-e-Hurriyat as 'unlawful assn'

Follow the money

Several associates of TeH have been chargesheeted by the NIA for raising money to support terror in Kashmir including Geelani's son in law

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Home Affairs on Sunday declared the 'Tehreek-e-Hurriyat' (TeH), Jammu and Kashmir, as "unlawful association" for the next five years with immediate effect, saying it was involved in activities to separate J&K from India and to establish Islamic rule.

"The outfit has been found spreading anti-India propaganda and continuing terror activities to fuel and fan secessionism in J &K," Home Minister Amit Shah said. The government has adopted zero tolerance policy against terrorism, any individual or organisation involved in anti-India activities and agendas, he added.

Three days ago, the Centre declared a faction led by Masarat Alam, 'unlawful association' for the next five years.

TeH was founded by the late separatist Syed Ali Shah Geelani in 2004. Many criminal cases have been registered against TeH for its anti-India messaging and efforts to sustain terrorism, Shah said.

MHA, in a notification, highlighted the group's involvement in raising funds from various sources including Pakistan to sustain terrorist acts and orchestrating stone-pelting against security forces. The MHA has pointed out the outfit's disregard for constitutional authority by its repeated calls to boycott elections.

Class 8 girl's project helps save stream

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madikeri

AN honest effort from an eighth grade girl of the government school at Kodagarahalli of Suntikoppa in Kodagu district has helped preserve a local stream.

The work for her science project has now earned the respect of the district administration and district police, who have ordered that CCTV cameras be installed to prevent dumping of waste near the stream.

Shreesha AS, daughter of Suntikoppa residents Shiju and Sandhya, is a student of the Kodagarahalli Suntikoppa Nadu Government High School. She was nominated to represent the school at the 31st National Children's Science Convention, where she won the 'Young Scientist' recognition for her presentation – 'Pollution across river banks'.

While a majority of science projects are done using the internet, Shreesha went a step ahead, and did a real world project. With the help from her father, she visited the stream near her locality to collect inputs for her project. She surveyed the Haraduru stream, collected details about its importance to the locality. She recorded sound bytes from local residents and learnt that the stream has been the lifeline of the locality for ages. **P7**

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Monday: 01/01/2024 • Year: Shobhakruta • Ayana: Dakshinayana • Ritu: Hiramtha • Masa: Margashira • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Panchami 11.59 am • Nakshatra: Makha 7.01 am • Moon in Kanya Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am • Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER | MIN 14°C | MAX 29°C | FORECAST Cloudy

Sunrise 6.41 am | Sunset 6.04 pm | Moonrise 9.27 pm | Moonset 9.54 am

CITY RINGS IN NEW YEAR WITH REVELRY

Tight security in place, 300 extra CCTVs installed, women safety islands set up at key hubs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE New Year was welcomed with a bang in Bengaluru with thousands of revellers gathering on Brigade Road on Sunday night to bid goodbye to 2023, as the clock ticked down to 2024.

Pubs and restaurants across the city, especially in key areas including Church Street, Brigade Road, Koramangala, Indiranagar and Whitefield, were abuzz with excitement as people gathered to celebrate the New Year with friends and family. Shops across the city were crowded with people making last-minute purchases to gift their loved ones.

While a few renowned hotel chains hosted an intimate New Year dinner instead of the club party night, amid the rising number of Covid cases, a few ditched the street revelry for a homebound celebration, tapping into festive feels with food delivery apps that were in huge demand.

A sea of people gathers on Brigade Road on Sunday night to usher in the New Year. Above: Police try to control the crowd | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA, ALLEN EGENUES J

Stringent security measures were in place to avert any untoward incidents at places like Brigade Road, MG Road, Church Street, St. Mark's Road, Koramangala, Indiranagar and Whitefield. Over 300 temporary CCTVs installed every 50 metre, women safety islands at key hubs, and an increased presence of police force with 18 IPS officers overseeing security ensured safety and security of large gatherings. Ten drone cameras, covering a 2km radius, were also deployed to avoid any untoward incident.

In light of the celebrations, the city traffic police implemented multiple checkpoints for drunk driving. Flyovers, except those on the international airport road, were closed by the police as a precautionary measure.

Police order does not bar entry to mall, says HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court said the prohibitory order imposed by the Bengaluru City Police Commissioner "restricting public access" to Phoenix Mall of Asia should not be read as completely prohibiting or preventing the petitioner from using the mall for business purposes, and also not completely prohibiting the public from entering.

Claiming extreme urgency in the wake of an order issued by the Police Commissioner on Saturday to restrict public access to the mall located in Byatarayanapura, Sparkle One Mall Developers Ltd (petitioner), which is operating the mall, moved the High Court, which convened a special sitting on Sunday.

The petitioner's counsel submitted that the order is unsustainable as it does not meet the requirement and parameters of Section 144 of the CrPC and it is ambiguous as it directs to "restrict public access" to the mall which would only lead to closing the mall from December 31 to January 15, 2024. He argued that the disruption caused by vehicles was not owing to any action taken by the petitioner, but because vehicle entry was blocked by the police which resulted in a jam outside the mall.

In response, Advocate General Shashikiran Shetty submitted that the order has not only been passed taking into consideration traffic congestion, pollution and other inconveniences caused to the public, but also in view of the law and order situation which might go out of hands. He also clarified that the order in no terms would indicate closing down the business in its entirety and it only directs the petitioner to "restrict public access", which cannot be read under any circumstances to mean "prohibit".

The counsel, representing the petitioner, submitted that to show deference to the reasons expressed by the respondent police, the petitioner would voluntarily close the mall for a day on December 31 (Sunday). Thereafter, and the mall should be permitted to stay open thereafter till a mutual resolution of the issue was arrived at between the petitioner and the respondents for the benefit of the public.

Noting that any order passed by the executive should be capable of its effective implementation in letter and spirit, Justice MGS Kamal said, "If it carries any ambiguity or is incapable of implementation, such order per se becomes unsustainable." The court further clarified that no precipitative action should be taken by the police till the matter is resolved amicably, or till further orders. The HC also directed the petitioner and the police to explore the possibilities at the earliest and submit a report on Tuesday.

A meeting was also held between the police and the mall management. Police Commissioner B Dayananda told TNIE that senior police officials would visit the mall to address the issues. "Following an assessment, documents outlining proposed actions will be presented before the court," he said.

People pose at the selfie point during the awareness drive at Lalbagh to promote natural flowers over synthetic ones | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Say yes to natural flowers

Bengaluru: To discourage the use of synthetic flowers and promote natural flowers, the Department of Horticulture along with International Flower Auction Board, Flower Growers and Buyers arranged an awareness drive on Sunday at Lalbagh. Visitors were presented a free rose each on behalf of the farmers and commercial flower growers of the state and urged them to use natural flowers and avoid artificial ones. Addressing the people, Additional Chief Secretary to the Government and Development Commissioner Shalini Rajneesh said farmers invest around Rs 50 lakh per acre to set up polyhouses and purchase implements needed for growing flowers. **ENS**

2024: A PUSH FOR IMPROVING CIVIC SERVICES, BBMP POLLS

STARTING POINT 2024

2023 has been a rollercoaster ride for Bengaluru. 'Work from home' started fading away from our lives and the notorious traffic jams were back to pre-Covid levels. The booming Bengaluru economy got back on track, bringing with it lakhs of new vehicles to our already congested city. The much-awaited Namma Metro to Whitefield became a reality, enabling a lakh of people, who would otherwise use personal vehicles, to start using public transport. The free bus scheme for women, "Shakti", by the new Congress government boosted BMTC bus ridership by a stunning 30%, prompting purchase of more city buses, a long-pending demand. #Personal2Public initiative is trying to nudge citizens to switch to public transport for daily commute by improving first and last-mile access. Bengaluru became the third city in India to publish a City Climate Action Plan this year.

Namma Raste, an exhibition and convention by BBMP, brought much-needed attention to streets and design. Bengaluru Habba celebrated the city's rich and vibrant cultural heritage and dynamism over ten days.

It was an election year for our state and city, but, sadly, not for the city corporation, which continues to function without the Council, mayor or corporators. The monthly BBMP Council meeting where corporators highlighted issues from the ground is now a distant memory. The desperate need to manage Covid at ward levels led to nodal officers and informal ward committees being appointed and they helped bridge the gap. But the frenzy around assembly elections meant an abrupt end to those as well, thereby denying citizens a forum to hold officials accountable.

Two tragic incidents left a deep scar this year. In May, 22-year-old Bhanu Rekha lost her life after the car she was in got stuck in a flooded KR underpass, a few hundred metres from Vidhana Soudha. In November, 23-year-old Soundarya and her nine-month-old daughter Suviksha lost their lives after stepping on a live wire in Whitefield. In what is becoming an annual statistic, 823 people lost their lives in road accidents, making our city dangerous for pedestrians. Lack of empowered and decentralised city governance and formal avenues for citizen participation are root causes of many issues that plague our city.

SRINIVAS ALAVILLI

Srinivas Alavilli is a citizen activist, and Fellow, Integrated Transport and Road Safety, World Resources Institute (WRI) India

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT IN 2024?

We have many good laws and policies that are yet to see the light of the day. The BBMP Act 2020 that envisions decentralised administration at zonal level is yet to be implemented. BMLTA gave us much-needed coordination between transport agencies, but remains on paper. Parking policy is approved but paused. The Active Mobility Bill is progressive for pedestrian rights, but yet to be introduced. While tunnels are being discussed, the Master Plan seems to be forgotten altogether! The Metro yellow line to Electronic City will bring much-needed relief as lakhs of people that work there will have access to public transport. We can expect more feeder buses from BMTC. Suburban train seems to be moving again, perhaps due to upcoming general elections.

There is a decent chance that elections to BBMP will be held this year. If not a constitutional obligation, the court will force the State Government to do so. If elections do happen, we will get a mayor for 2.5 years instead of one year. There will also be a zonal 'mayor' and council. The BBMP must constitute ward committees in a fair and transparent manner to be inclusive and represent the diversity of the ward. Funds and functions must be devolved to zonal and ward levels.

The State Government must fill the vacancies in BBMP and other civic agencies. Very few cities experience the kind of explosive growth we did. Our civic agencies have been asked to deliver beyond their capacity for years which makes them overworked and under-appreciated. Engineers and health inspectors need advanced training to run a mega city. Bengaluru has many citizen groups and active citizens in almost every ward, working on a wide range of issues, including lakes, waste management, streetlights, water, environment and much more. They have working relationships with various departments and proactively participate in governance and strive to resolve local issues. But without ward committees chaired by elected corporator, council, standing committees and the mayor, they have no formal avenues to engage and escalate. Our city has always had a galaxy of visionary leaders that made it a crown jewel of India. Our city continues to deliver a decent quality of life despite challenges. The 28 city MLAs have a great responsibility to empower the third tier of governance. They must begin by fighting for BBMP elections.

Social worker persists, gets BBMP to remove cables, posters from trees

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE push to dismantle cables all across the city may have started recently. For social worker Anil Kumar Janardhanan, it began over three years ago when he began bombarding civic authorities with letters seeking removal of at least ten such cables entwined around a tree in Jalahalli West. His efforts finally bore fruit when they were removed recently.

This 56-yr-old retired mechanical worker, who actively pursues social causes, told TNIE, "This specific tree on Subroto Mukherjee Road is at least 40 years old, and I remember seeing it since childhood. Tonnes of cables were dumped on it over the years. I wrote to BBMP over three years ago, and they told me to approach the forest department. The latter told me to write to the Canopy department of BBMP. I did that too. I have written many letters to all of them."

Finally, on December 17 this year, the Canopy dept staff of Dasarahalli came and removed all the cables, he added. "I am so relieved and at peace that the tree is free of its huge burden," he adds. A regular walker at Pipeline Park on SM Road, Anil Kumar has ensured that posters and advertisements nailed on to around 500 trees stretching along 3km were also removed by BBMP during the past two years.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

01ST January : I see astrology in terms of opportunity, so it's fortunate that today's planets offer us all a chance to understand our emotions much better; to be more gracious and generous with those who are worse off than ourselves – and less jealous and resentful of those who are better off!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You have been through a great deal, but you still can't tell where you're really heading. Give yourself another week or so if you wish to wait until life has calmed down. Expect major changes at work very soon, perhaps because people around you are coming and going without warning.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Remember all those times when you have longed to treat yourself, but have been unable to for one reason or another. Your stars are once again perfectly placed, and over the next forty-eight hours you may indulge your every whim, responsibilities permitting.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Other people are making demands which you may feel unwilling or unable to fulfil. You might imagine that you have been swamped by the need for urgent decisions. Over the next few days you may realise that spending or investment plans should be completely revised and revalued.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
A remarkable change will begin to take place over the next few days. Close partnerships are bound to be the vital factor, but the focus may be either at work, at home or even in affairs of the heart. You'll be reassessing your closest relationships, looking anew at what you really want from other people.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
An approaching metaphorical collision between the Sun and the Moon may leave you feeling considerably the worse for wear. You may, if you wish, burn the candle at both ends and push yourself to the limit, but you must accept the consequences. My advice would be to take whatever rest and relaxation you require.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
The coming days will be quite important in a number of respects. Remember everything I have said over the past weeks and months about the need to be more spontaneous, creative and passionate. It is time to stand up for yourself and stop other people putting you down.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
The stars are in a challenging but friendly mood, and you may start the day in an impetuous frame of mind, determined to do what suits you whether others like it or not. It may be four or five days - or longer - before your clarity of vision is restored.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Others may be complaining about the state of their fortunes and the general condition of the world. However, I don't think you have any time to indulge in that favourite complaint, grumbling. You're the person who can point out to other people just how positive the times really are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
This is unlikely to be an easy time, but you may still have it easier than most. You may not be surprised to hear that the main area of danger is financial but, if you move cautiously, great profit is to be had. It's all a matter of careful timing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
A mischievous planetary alignment may throw you completely off course. However, even if you do suffer a set back, once you pick yourself up you will realise that you have gained a great deal in terms of maturity and experience. Even a failure will tell you where your limits lie.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You are in the happy position of being subject to only slight problems at a time when some people are being completely hammered. You may have one or two vague suspicions, but there's nothing to worry about. However, if you do need reassurance, then be sure to ask for it.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Time is a most precious commodity. It's not that you have too much of it, or too little, but that you have to decide how to use it wisely. Don't be concerned by what other people are doing, but set your own schedule. Every minute and every hour is there for your benefit.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle ⬇

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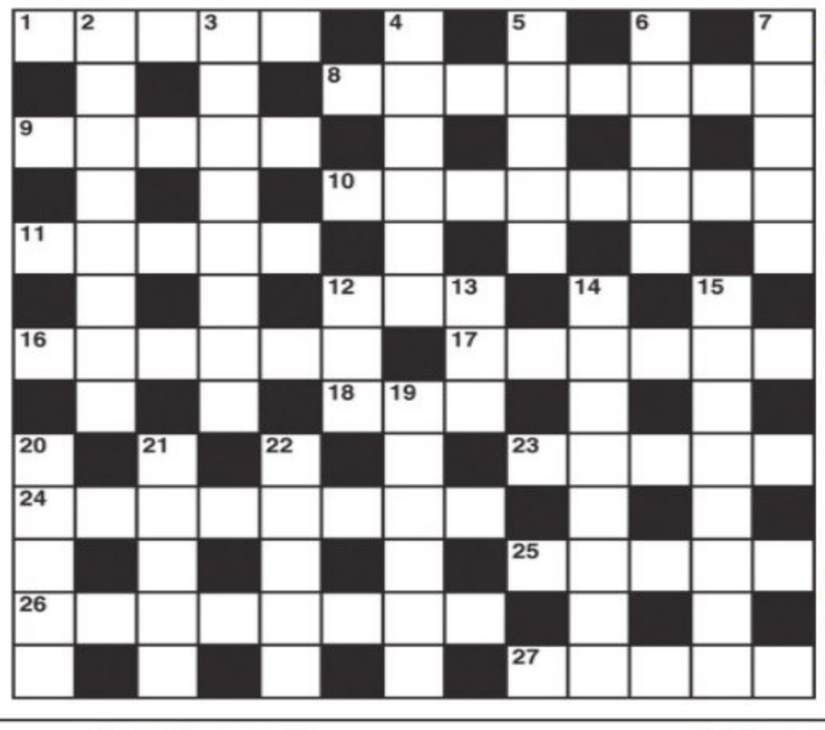
Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Form of wool provided by some sheep (5)
8 Standing directive for road users (8)
9 Uniform the leader required for an occasion (5)
10 Funny chap TV and press are brought in to study (8)
11 Finish doing a headstand (3,2)
12 Sailor possibly low on cigarettes (3)
16 Decline to make a further grant? (6)
17 One way a man may get lost (6)
18 A beard may help to make a jaw neater (3)
23 Arrival time (5)
24 Chips for computers (8)
25 Point out a device for climber (5)
26 People may have to put up with her (8)
27 A stone may bar the way (5)

DOWN
2 Perfume the French sell with hesitation (8)
3 Many had made certain they would be blamed (8)
4 The company in love with a girl (6)
5 Stop being an outsider (5)
6 Boy gets pass in (5)
7 Joins up in defence of the skunk (5)
12 Meal - possibly Indian, Chinese or Russian (3)
13 Hurried from Grand Central (3)
14 Impressive form of industrial action (8)
15 Bugler's ultimate job (4,4)
19 Things said about fifty planets (6)
20 Climb the whole range (5)
21 Swings round and goes off (5)
22 Good man - totally stable (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Conspiracy, 6 Nail, 10 Opine, 11 Pull it off, 12 Beverage, 13 Knelt, 15 Heedful, 17 Saracen, 19 Washout, 21 Sadiron, 22 Habit, 24 Eviction, 27 Freighter, 28 Drama, 29 Tape, 30 Neapolitan.

Down: 1 Cook, 2 Noiseless, 3 Piece, 4 Raphael, 5 Callers, 7 Adobe, 8 Life tenant, 9 Tinkered, 14 Chew the fat, 16 Frontage, 18 Cormorant, 20 Trestle, 21 Stimup, 23 Bleep, 25 Tidal, 26 Earn.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

GRIET

BOOWX

MGAANE

TQAEEU

WILCO
So I guess you won't be rushing a fraternity this year?
"I REFUSE TO JOIN ANY CLUB THAT WOULD HAVE ME AS A MEMBER"
Groucho
You got that right!
GROUCHO'S "I REFUSE TO JOIN ANY CLUB THAT WOULD HAVE ME AS A MEMBER" WAS IN ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"_____"

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: YOKEL IMPEL FASTEN PHOBIA
Answer: He hoped that maybe his lazy teenage son would get a job if he'd just — APPLY HIMSELF

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Two students were seriously injured and another eight sustained minor injuries after the car they were travelling in collided with a mini truck on the Mysuru-Bengaluru access-controlled highway on Saturday night. The injured students are from Jain University in Bengaluru

HOW TO CATALYSE KARNATAKA POLICE

STARTING Point 2024

As we enter the New Year, here are some thoughts on what can be done to improve policing in Karnataka

FILLING UP VACANCIES and AUGMENTATION

Vacancies are a scourge on the police department. The PSI recruitment scam has set the clock back. As numbers do contribute to effective policing, vacancies in all cadres need to be filled up on a war footing. It should be ensured that police are not burdened with non core duties and wastage of scarce manpower is eliminated. The augmentation of police strength is altogether a different ball game and needs attention. Training continues to remain the department's Achilles' heel. Excellent training infrastructure, staffed by qualified and motivated resource persons using modern training methodology and implements, interspersed with field visits, alone can produce police officers with a high degree of professionalism. Posting honest and competent officers particularly in senior positions, is paramount. This is possible only if there is zero political interference in postings and transfers which are best left to the Head of the Police Force (HoPF), while he is held accountable at the same time. This may sound utopian in this day and age, but is nevertheless a vital aspect of good policing. Interference in investigation and other aspects of policing should also be eschewed.

STRENGTHEN TECHNICAL SERVICES

Technical services like the Forensic Science Laboratory, Fingerprint Bureau, Computer Wing and the Canine Squad form the backbone of effective prevention and detection efforts in criminal cases and should be upgraded on a regular basis, so that they are abreast of latest technology. Similarly, police mobility and communication should be constantly on a review mode.

TECHNICAL INNOVATION CELL

The department has rightly focused on the proliferating cybercrime, drug and economic offences, which have reached alarming proportions. For Karnataka police to embrace technology in all spheres of policing, it is desirable to create a cell under the HoPF, consisting of experts with multidisciplinary skills. The cell should not only recommend the state-of-the-art technology that can be harnessed, but also innovate and customise solutions to policing problems.

ST RAMESH
The author is a former Director General and Inspector General of Police, Karnataka

CONVENTIONAL POLICING

That said, the department can neglect conventional policing only at its own peril. Prevention and detection of crime, service of beats and patrols, maintaining law and order on a day-to-day basis, upkeep of station records -- most of which are digitised, surveillance and collection of intelligence and anticipating riots and upheavals should be given priority. For this to happen, supervisory officers should be on their toes and guide the juniors through visits, inspections and reviews. Policing rural areas with the same zeal is a must.

ROAD SAFETY & TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

One of the main challenges of policing is traffic management in urban centres, particularly Bengaluru, and ensuring road safety across the state. Gone are the days when streamlining traffic was left to the traffic constable. The time-tested formula – viz engineering, education and enforcement, called the three Es -- comes into play even today. This simply means that consultation with the police by government and civic agencies and taking their inputs should be made mandatory before undertaking new projects. Making a budget allocation for traffic education is necessary.

POLICE MORALE

High police morale is concomitant with good policing. This can be achieved only when the police and political leadership create congenial working conditions. Adequate police housing and upkeep of residential quarters have a direct bearing on police morale.

All these ideas are not rocket science to police professionals. But the will to implement is the key. PR exercises to improve police image are a poor substitute to fair treatment of citizens at police stations and prompt service delivery. Better policing would depend on adhering in letter and spirit to the Acts, laws and the Police Manual which are exhaustive and provide adequate checks and balances. This coupled with adopting citizen-centric concepts like community policing will go a long way. But there is no free lunch. Improved policing implies higher budgetary allocations which is possible only through a strong political will.

Gold haul of ₹2cr at KIA over 5 days

15 flyers — 10 women — arriving from Kuala Lumpur, Jeddah, Sharjah, Bangkok were caught

The gold seized by Customs officials from international passengers at Kempegowda International Airport

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THE Air Intelligence Unit of Airport Customs has seized 3.31 kg of gold valued at over Rs 2 crore from 15 international passengers who arrived at KIA from different cities over a five-day period. The gold was largely concealed in the clothes worn by the flyers, said Customs sources. It was being smuggled in crude form from Kuala Lumpur, Jeddah, Sharjah and Bangkok to Bengaluru. The passengers caught included 10 women, a source said.

The maximum seizure on a single day was made on Thursday (December 28) when 1.9kg of gold was seized from four male passengers, two of whom were arriving from Bangkok by Thai Airways International.

"The two passengers from Bangkok, both Navi Mumbai natives, reached KIA by flight TG 325 by 11.30pm. Each had concealed a crude gold chain, valued at 734gm. One passenger had concealed it in his handkerchief while the other had kept it inside his pocket."

Another flyer caught on the same day was a native of Coimbatore. He had arrived by Batik Airlines flight from Kuala Lumpur (OD-241) and had concealed three crude gold chains, totally weighing 200gm, inside his undergarments. The final passenger nabbed that day came from Sharjah by Air Arabia flight G9-946. Venkateswaralu Katuru from Andhra Pradesh tried to bring in two gold bars totally weighing 233 gm inside a secret pocket in his jeans, the source said.

On December 26, ten women flyers, all from Shivamogga, accompanied by a male passenger, arrived after their Hajj pilgrimage. They were booked for concealing crude gold chains under their burqas, the source said. "A travel agent Irshad Ahmad Khan had handed over 10 crude chains, one to each woman passenger at Jeddah airport. The total value was 1.16 kg. They came by a Saudia flight (SV 866) to KIA."

Another flyer was caught on December 24 for concealing two packets containing gold in paste form, stitched inside his pair of socks. "The 248.27gm of gold has a total value of Rs 15.88 lakh," the source added.

Chikkajala residents want crushers shut

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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CHIKKAJALA residents have expressed anger at the alarming pollution levels in their area, after more than 10 crushers were found to be spewing dangerous levels of dust into the atmosphere. Chikkajala has been declared the most polluted area in the city.

One resident had collected 70 signatures and petitioned the government, urging the closure of all crushers since zoning rules clearly specify that they cannot continue to function in residential areas. Other residents are preparing to file a Public Interest Litigation to have the crushers closed, while one of them expressed hope that the High Court would take suo motu notice of their problem. Another group of residents is preparing to petition Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to intervene and solve the problem.

EXPRESS IMPACT

Meanwhile, pulmonologist Dr H Paramesh, professor at Divecha Centre for Climate Change, IISc, was invited by the residents of Chikkajala to speak on the dangers of air pollution. He addressed the residents and presented slides on pollution. The meeting was held after details of the pollution survey were made available. Dr Paramesh spoke on air pollution, especially the extremely fine dust particles which are less than 2.5 microns and are the bigger danger as they enter the bloodstream.

He said particles which are smaller than 10 microns settle in the windpipe, while dust which is larger than 10 microns settles in the nasal cavity. Each one of these causes a great deal of harm to people. The residents expressed serious concern and sought information on how to alleviate the dangers of pollution. The residents also shared with Dr Paramesh that many of them were suffering from cardiovascular and lung diseases, while some had cancer.

When contacted, Ravindra Shetty, president of Karnataka Quarry and Stone Crusher Owners' Association said crusher owners need to comply with all rules and norms laid down by the Pollution Control Board.

Yelahanka MLA SR Vishwanath's office said it comes under Byatarayanpura constituency not Yelahanka. Byatrayanpura MLA Krishna Byre Gowda, who is the revenue minister, was not available for comment.

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002.

We, The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., has issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses/ due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice coud not be served. Further Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below:

Name and Address of the Borrower/Gaurantor/Mortgagor: Smt. N.Nirmala, W/o Sri N.Srinivas, r/a No.52, Swasthi Road, Shanthinagar, Bangalore-560027. & Sri S.Nagaraj, S/o late Subbanna r/a No.100/1, 1st Cross, M.R.Lane, Manavarthipet, Bangalore-560 053

Loan A/c No.:1004-50-509-000065 Loan Amount: Rs.10,00,000/-

Amount Outstanding: Rs.14,82,740/-(Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fourty Only) together with further interest theron with effect from 27.12.2023 at the contractual rates together with costs, charges other monies until payment or realization.

NPA dt: 01.07.2018 Demand Notice dt: 27.12.2023

Description of the Immovable Property:

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.52, (old No.2B) situated at Swasthi Main Road, Shanthinagar,Ward No.70,Bangalore, measuring East To West: 30 ft and North To South : 33 ft totally measuring 990 sqft and bounded on East By: property belonging to Sri.Ramachandrappa West By: Property belonging to Rakeshlal North By: Property belonging to Smt.Lakkamma South By: Road.

You are hereby called upon to pay **The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrower and the Guarantors. The powers available to **The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower/ Guarantors/Mortgager including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured assets transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated/Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank.

The notice is issued in terms of Section 13(2) of the said Act.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 27.12.2023

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
The Grain Merchants' Co Operative Bank Ltd.,

MALLESHWARAM BRANCH
100/107, Jayam Shoping Complex, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003
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सेन्ट्रल बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया
Central Bank of India

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER

Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002

We, **Central Bank of India, Malleshwaram Branch,** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Mortgagor/ Guarantor: Mr. B Bhagwanth Raj (Borrower), Mrs. B Margaret Raj (Co-Borrower), Site No. 7A (Old No.41) PID No.94-4-7A, 3rd Cross, Karianapalya, Kacharkanahalli Dakle, Lingarajpuram, Banglore-560084.
Nature of Loan : Cent Swabhiman A/c. No. 3072405605
Sanction Amount : Rs. 15,19,000.00/-
Total Liability Amount : Rs. 56,15,339.00 (Cent Swabhiman Plus loan) -(Fifty Six Lakh Fifteen thousand three hundred thirty nine Rs only) plus interest applicable and you have defaulted in repayment of the entire said amount.
NPA Date: 25.06.2022 **Demand Notice Dated: 22.12.2023**

(Detailed description of the secured asset/ Mortgaged Property/ Hypothecated Goods): Immovable asset : All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing site no. 41 & 42 measuring about 2360 sq.fts of Kariannapalyam now Lingarajpuram from A. Munirathnam Naidu, M. Muniswamappa, V.Subrahmanyam Pillay & K. v Tham,manna on 12.10.1960 registered as No.5574, book-1, Vol.1939, Pages 246-249, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Banglore North. Document No.1 clause 2 supra depicts this fact. The said Sri. T Kulasekharan sold the portion of property bearing No.41, measuring about 720 sq fts i.e Schedule property in favour of Sri S Bagavantharaj the mortgager herein on 24.03.1982, registered as No. 9173/81-82, Book-1, vol.3565, Pages 208-211, in the Sub Registrar, Banglore North taluk, Banglore. Document No.2 clause 2 Supra depicts this fact. The mortgager was recorded as Kathedar of Schedule property in the records of Kaccharakanhalli Grama Panchayath. Document No.3 clause 2 Supra depicts this fact. Document No.4 is the NOC issued by BDA, thereby stating that, the BDA has no objection of construction of residential building over the Schedule property by obtaining permission from Kacharkanhalli Grama Panchayat measuring 720Sq ft and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Sri Gnankanna's property, North by: Road, South by : Private Property Khata No. 40.
Complete detailed description of immovable property Land and Building and details of title deed with its boundaries : All that piece and parcel of the residential House Building immovable property constructed on the Schedule A Property, having a house built up area of 720 Sq ft, title and interest in the land comprised in the schedule A property and ground & first floor , with mosaic flooring , RCC roofed , Aluminum windows and main door with iron gated and further developments thereon and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Sri Gnankanna's property, North by: Road, South by : Private Property Khata No. 40.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower / Mortgagor/ Borrower : Mr. V S RAMASWAMY (Borrower), Mrs. S N JAYALAKSHMI (Co-Borrower), Site No.13, Sy No.53/B and 2A, New No. 53/1B & 53/2A 3, 8th C Main Road, Srinidhi Layout, Vidyanarayanpur, Banglore 560064. **Guarantor : Mr. Ashok N R (Nominee of Mr. V S Ramaswamy (Borrower) Mrs. S N Jayalakshmi (Co-Borrower),** Site No. 13, New No.16, 8C Main Road, Srineedhi Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097.
Nature of Loan : Cent Swabhiman plus A/c. No. 3198219173
Sanction Amount : Rs. 35,70,000.00
Total Liability Amount : Rs 45,44,633.50 (Cent Swabhiman Plus loan) -(Fourty five Lakh Fourty four thousands Six Hundred thirty three fifty paise only) plus interest applicable and you have defaulted in repayment of the entire said amount.
NPA Date: 07/11/2023 **Demand Notice Dated: 16/12/2023**

(Detailed description of the secured asset/ Mortgaged Property/ Hypothecated Goods): Immovable asset : All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing site no. 13, Old Khatha No. 800/786/13. Presently bearing Khatha No. 616/13 issued by the Byatarayabapura CMC, Banglore-560092 , out of converted survey Nos. 53/1B and 2A, New No.53/1B 5 and 53/2A 3, converted for Nonagricultural Residential purpose vide Official Memorandum No. B.DIS.ALN:SR (N) 13/88-89, dated 24.05.1989, Situated at Mohammed Sab Palya, Jarakabandekaval Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Banglore North taluk, now comes under the limit of BBMP, it had allotted the Municipal No.437/616/13, Vidhyaranyapura division, Jarakabandekaval, banglore, measuring East to west: 30-0 (Thirty) Feet and North to south:40-0(Forty) Feet, in all 133.33 square Yards or 111.48 Square Meters or 1200 Square Feet and bounded on: East by: Property bearing Site No.14, West by: Property bearing Site No.12, North by: Property bearing Site No.02, South by : 30 Feet wide Road.
Complete detailed description of immovable property Land and Building and details of title deed with its boundaries: All that piece and parcel of the residential House Building immovable property constructed on the Schedule A Property, having a house built up area of 1200 Sq ft, title and interest in the land comprised in the schedule A property and one car parking space in the stilt floor , with mosaic flooring , RCC roofed , Aluminum windows and teakwood main door with iron gated and further developments thereon and bounded on: East by: Property bearing Site No.14, West by: Property bearing Site No.12, North by: Property bearing Site No.02, South by : 30 Feet wide Road.

You are here by called upon to pay **Central Bank of India,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here in above, failing which Central Bank of India will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Guarantors. The powers available to **Central Bank of India** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Guarantors/Mortgagor including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Central Bank of India,** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated /Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date: 31.12.2023
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
Central Bank of india

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ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2022–23ನೇ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು, 2016–17, ಮತ್ತು 2017–18 ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ ಹಣಕಾಸು, 2022–23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಶೇ.24.10ರ (ಶೇ.17.15) ಎಸ್.ಸಿ. ಎಸ್.ಪಿ ಯೋಜನೆ, 2023–24ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಶೇ.5ರ ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ ಮುಕ್ತ ನಿಧಿ ಮತ್ತು 2023–24ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ನಗರಸಭಾ ನಿಧಿ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ **ಒಟ್ಟು 24 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು** ಒಟ್ಟು ಮೊತ್ತ **ರೂ. 615.35 ಲಕ್ಷ** (ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 2.5 ಲಕ್ಷ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 81.90ಲಕ್ಷ) ಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ನಿಯಮ 1999 ಮತ್ತು ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿ 2000 ಹಾಗೂ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–1,2,3 ಮತ್ತು ಕೆಜಿ–1ರ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ/ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರಿಂದ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಪೂರ್ಣಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01.01.2024 ರಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.01.2024 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.01.2024 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11.30ಕ್ಕೆ** ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:20.01.2024 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ **www.hebbagodicity.mrc.gov.in** or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**ನಲ್ಲಿ ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಬಹುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಯಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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ಆಡಳಿತಾಧಿಕಾರಿ
ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owner: **M/s.MERUSRI DEVELOPERS,** A partnership Firm, having its office at: Ground floor, NCC Urban Windsor, Yashodha Nagar, Opp Jakkur Aerodrome, Yelehanka, Bangalore - 560086, represented by its Managing Partner: Sri.M.Venkateswara Reddy.

Apart from the said owner, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural lands bearing (i)Sy.No.23/1 measuring 29 Guntas, (ii)Sy.No.24/1measuring 2 Acre 2 Guntas; (iii) Sy. No. 29/3 measuring 17 Guntas, situated at Uganawadi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on:

East by : Sy.No.25/3 and Kempalingapura Village boundary
West by : Sy.No.30 & 29/1
North by : Sy.No.23/2, 23/3, 23/4
South by : Sy.No.24/2 (Sunshine Gardenia Layout)

Sd/- Goutam Chand .S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
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APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand Notice Dated **21.09.2022** Calling Upon The Borrower, Co-Borrowers And Guarantors **1. Navojit Roy P, 2. Barnali Biswas Roy,** To Repay The Amount Mentioned In The Notice Being **Rs. 36,87,009.84/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lac Eighty Seven Thousand Nine And Eighty Four Paise Only)** As On **21.09.2022**, Within 60 Days From The Date Of Receipt Of The Said Demand Notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Physical Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub – section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **27th day of December 2023.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **IDFC First Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)** for an amount of **Rs. 36,87,009.84/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lac Eighty Seven Thousand Nine And Eighty Four Paise Only)** And Interest Thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub – Section (8) Of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable properties

All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable 2 Bhk Residential Apartment/Flat Bearing Unit No. Ff-2, First Floor In Block-B (West Facing), Admeasuring 1192 Sq. Ft. (Super Built-Up Area) And 274 Sq. Ft. Of Undivided Right, Title And Interest, In The Multi Storied Building Known As "Elegant Orchid", Property Including One Covered Car Parking Area Bearing Ff-2 In Block B In The Basement With Bore Well Water, Electricity And Sewerage Amenities Together With Common Area Such As Passage, Lobbies Lifts, Staircase And Other Areas Of Common Use Ets. And Property Constructed On Land Bearing New Bbmp Katha No. 52/28, Property Register No. 52, Converted Sy No. 28, Converted For Non-Agricultural Residential Purpose Vide Conversion Order No. Aln(Sb)Sr:76/10-11 Dated 16/09/2010 Issued By Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, Situated At Yelenahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, **East : Begur Boundary, West : 30 Feet Road, North : 30 Feet Road, South : 40 Feet Road.**

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Place : Bangalore.
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KMF Complex, Dr. M. H. Marigowda Road, Bangalore-560 029.
Phone: 080-26096782, 871
E-mail: director.marketing2@kmf.coop

Expression of Interest

Karnataka Co-operative Milk Producers Federation Ltd (KMF) Bangalore is the second largest Co-operative Milk Producers Federation in India and is marketing milk and milk products in the brand name of "NANDINI" across India. KMF is manufacturing and supplying cattle feed to the farmers through its own units spread across Karnataka. Nandini cattle feed is known for its quality throughout Karnataka. KMF intends to appoint Super stockists/distributors to market its cattle feed across South India and in this regard KMF invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested individuals/Firms/Organizations who are interested to be a part of KMF in marketing Nandini cattle in Kerala and Andhra Pradesh States.

Interested candidates may submit their expression of interest with relevant details and a brief write up on their experience and suitability for this on or before 15.01.2024 to director.marketing2@kmf.coop.

For any clarification, Contact Director (Marketing-2) - KMF, at the above numbers during office hours.

The EOI document can be downloaded from our website: www.Kmfnandini.coop. KMF reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications without assigning any reasons thereof.

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Koppal Institute of Medical Sciences invites Tenders for supply of Equipments/ Instruments to Various Department District Teaching Hospital KIMS Koppal in a two bid system from eligible tenderers through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Tender No.1) **KIMS/KOPPAL/TENDER/ RADIOLOGY/8/ 2023-24**. Particulars : **Supply of Radiology Department Equipments/ Instruments.** Approx Tender Value : **Rs. 45.00 Lakhs.** 2) **KIMS/ KOPPAL/TENDER/ANASTHESIA/9/2023-24**. Particulars : **Supply of Anesthesia Department Equipments/Instruments.** Approx Tender Value : **Rs. 87.00 Lakhs.** 3) **KIMS/KOPPAL/TENDER/G.MEDICINE/10/2023 24**. Particulars: **Supply of General Medicine Department Equipments/ Instruments.** Approx Tender Value : **Rs. 28.00 Lakhs.** 4) **KIMS/KOPPAL/TENDER/PSYCHIATRY/11/2023-24**. Particulars: **Supply of Psychiatry Department Equipments/Instruments.** Approx Tender Value : **Rs. 11.70 Lakhs.**

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2) Tender must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **16/01/2024 @ 5.30 PM**

Further information may be obtained from the above office during office hours & also from E-Procurement Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and this office web-site www.kimskoppal.kar.nic.in

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Youth are vital for India's future and development and their role in the nation's transformation is pivotal, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot said on Sunday. He was speaking at the valedictory ceremony of the 'Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme' hosted at Coorg Public School in Gonikoppal in Kodagu on Sunday

ELECTION PLOT

Ram temple opening a BJP stunt ahead of LS polls: Min

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"BJP indulges in gimmicks before every Lok Sabha election. While in 2019, the Pulwama attack and subsequent fake surgical strike helped BJP win the general elections, now it is Ram Mandir and Ram's photo that the saffron party is trying to exploit. People in this country are religious and BJP is playing on that sentiment," said Health Minister D Sudhakar, here on Sunday. "But people, of late, have realised the stunts played by BJP after the Pulwama attack. People cannot be fooled every time. They clearly know that Ram temple is being inaugurated with the eye on the Lok Sabha elections. I am confident that people will vote responsibly this time," he added.

"I too have given money and bricks for the construction of Ram Mandir. Lord Ram is revered by all. There is no need to create a division in society over it," he said. On the alliance of JDS with BJP for the Lok Sabha elections, he asked its state president HD Kumaraswamy whether his secular credentials have vanished. "When it happened, Kumaraswamy had questioned the reality of the Pulwama attack. Now, he has allied with the BJP. Let him reply to his earlier statement," he added.

Political vendetta, says Pratap after bro's arrest; Law has taken its course, says CM

On a day of high drama, MP and CM trade barbs over Vikram's arrest in tree-felling case

'Being targeted to promote Yathindra in politics'

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CALLING the arrest of his brother in the tree-felling case politically motivated, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha on Sunday said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah was all out to finish off his family to pave way for the growth of his son Yathindra.

Alleging conspiracy behind the arrest, the BJP leader said Siddaramaiah wants to field his son from the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha constituency in the 2024 General Elections.

Addressing the media here, Pratap Simha said, "Though my brother's name is not mentioned in the FIR, he was arrested by putting pressure on the police. I congratulate Siddaramaiah for working hard to promote his son's political career. This is a game being played to finish me off in the upcoming elections as I am hindering his son's ambition of becoming an MP," Pratap Simha added. He further said the arrest was an attempt to divert public attention from the recent Belagavi incident where a woman was stripped naked and paraded. "The FIR did not name my brother as an accused... yet forest officials have arrested him. The CM is misleading the public. I have an aged mother and a sister. Let your family politics continue for which you are keen to finish off my family," the MP said.

The two-time BJP MP reiterated that such actions will not hamper his political growth. "People of Kodagu and Mysuru will not let me down for any reason," he said. "Your minister Madhu Bangarappa has been charged in a cheque bounce case... but ironically Pratap Simha's brother is arrested. Are you going to sacrifice my family for your son's future, sir?" Pratap Simha asked Siddaramaiah.

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Pratap Simha, Mysuru-Kodagu MP

Those who violate the law will be arrested

Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

'Why will they arrest without any reason?'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday justified the Forest Department's action against Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha's brother Vikram Simha, who was arrested in a case related to felling trees.

Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru, the CM said that those who violated the law will be arrested. "Why will they arrest without any reason?" the CM said responding to the BJP MP's allegation that he was targeted for political reasons. Siddaramaiah said innocent persons will not face any trouble in the Congress regime and action will be taken according to the law against those violate it. Forest Department officials had arrested Vikram for allegedly felling 126 trees without permission. The BJP MP and his brother alleged that they were being targeted for political reasons.

The CM said he will be visiting New Delhi on January 4 to meet the party's Central leaders to discuss preparations for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Not against Ram mandir: CM

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said they are not against the Ram mandir being built in Ayodhya. "We are not against it. We are for Ram temple. Don't we build Ram temples in our villages? We are happy they are building the temple in Ayodhya," the chief minister added.

BELUR COURT GRANTS BAIL TO VIKRAM SIMHA

HASSAN: The Belur JMFC Court on Sunday granted bail to Vikram Simha, brother of Kodagu-Mysuru MP Pratap Simha, in a case of alleged felling of 125 trees on revenue land near Nandagowdanahlli village in Belur taluk of Hassan district. A team of forest officials produced Vikram Simha before the Senior Civil Judge Prakash Naika, who granted the bail after a 30-minute inquiry. The bail application was moved by Vikram's lawyers Chandregowda and Dharmegowda. Earlier, Vikram was taken to HIMS Hospital in Hassan for medical examination. Speaking to the reporters after the bail, Vikram said truth always wins. Suspecting a political conspiracy behind his arrest, Vikram said, "What mistake did I commit? I took the land on lease to cultivate ginger. The police should issue a clarification on my arrest as I am not involved in the case." He also has alleged that his arrest is politically motivated. Vikram said he will soon disclose the names of those trying to tarnish the image of his brother MP Pratap Simha. It can be recalled that Hassan forest officials with the help of Bengaluru police arrested Vikram in Bengaluru on Saturday night and brought him to Nandagowdnahalli for inquiry. The State Government had suspended five forest officials and three others over felling of trees. **ENS**

CM says his deputy a better organiser than him

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday praised his deputy DK Shivakumar for his organisation skills as Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president and even termed the latter as a better organiser than him.

Speaking at the Press Club of Bengaluru annual award ceremony here, the CM said, "I may be senior to DK Shivakumar in politics, but he is an astute organiser and way ahead of me in it. I, too, was JDS president in the past... but JDS did not come to power." On the occasion, Shivakumar was conferred the 'Person of the Year' award.

Earlier, when Shivakumar was hesitant to speak, Siddaramaiah convinced him to address the gathering.

Recalling the events that led to him becoming the KPCC chief, Shivakumar said, "Sonia Gandhiji came to Tihar jail and told me to handle the responsibility of KPCC. Siddaramaiah and I built the party together and brought it back to power even as a few predicted a fractured mandate." Calling media trials a threat to democracy, Shivakumar said, "There is no need to be afraid when one hasn't committed any mistake. Criticise us when we make mistakes. I believe who criticise me rather than those who shower praises on me. I have full faith in the judiciary... it will provide me justice," Shivakumar, who has been facing a CBI probe in a Disproportionate Asset case, said.

He suggested that Press Club of Bengaluru organise a workshop for 300 new generation journalists to provide them with an exposure on how politicians get moulded. "Myself or Siddaramaiah have not emerged as leaders overnight, but have put in a lot of effort. But the media can spoil our repute all of a sudden by discounting our efforts we put in to become leaders," he said. "When ED started its probe, many advised me to obtain anticipatory bail... but I refused. Where was the need for an anticipatory bail when I haven't made any mistake? I worked for my party. When I was in jail, I only thought of what my kids would think... but I never lost my self-confidence. I had the belief that I would achieve something in Karnataka. I had that faith then, now and I will have the same in the future too," the DyCM said.

DyCM DK Shivakumar and CM Siddaramaiah greet each other at an event organised by the Press Club of Bengaluru in the city on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Former minister Shamanur Shivashankarappa, Labour Minister Santosh Lad and CM's Political Secretary K Govindaraju were honoured with the special awards.

As many as 29 senior journalists were conferred with the annual awards.

Conferring the awards, former Supreme Court Judge Justice Shivaraj Patil said that for judges and elected representatives taking oath itself is a religion. " For judges their path is religion and conscience is their watchman", he remarked. The media should also have a conscience and focus on social issues, including child marriages and child labour, to be deserved as the fourth estate.

Meanwhile, Siddaramaiah had advice for the journalists present. "I did not quit JDS but was expelled. Then I joined Congress and became a two-time CM with the blessings of the people. Therefore, it is not right to write that I quit JDS," he said.

MLC: Drop cases against Kannada activists

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BJP MLC AH Vishwanath said that the State Government must withdraw the cases filed against Kannada activists who held protests demanding Kannada on signboards. Inaugurating a drawing exhibition at Kalamandira on Sunday, Vishwanath said Kannada language is still alive due to the efforts of Kannada activists.

"CM Siddaramaiah was the president of Kannada Kavalu Samiti which fought for the implementation of Kannada as official language. Now, Siddaramaiah through an ordinance, has directed all commercial establishments to use signboards and name plates with 60% Kannada. Though Kannada activists have the right to protest, they should have self-restraint and avoid vandalising properties," he added.

Somanna to stay in BJP, but lays down conditions on BSY & son

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FORMER minister V Somanna, who was sulking over the appointment of former chief minister B S Yediyurappa's son B Y Vijayendra as Karnataka BJP president, seems to have come to terms with the new dispensation. He was back in action on Sunday, working for the party as the Lok Sabha elections draw near.

Keeping the polls in mind, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi took the initiative to pacify Somanna, a prominent Veerashaiva-Lingayat leader in Old Mysuru region, according to sources. Somanna is likely to visit central leaders, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah and National President J P Nadda on January 7 and 8.

Somanna is a prominent leader in Bengaluru and can affect results of Bengaluru South LS seat. He has been insisting that the high command should settle the issue with Yediyurappa and Vijayendra, and voiced this again on Sunday, saying he did not want the duo to trouble him in future. Somanna was on his old turf, Govindaraja Nagar assembly constituency in Bengaluru, which he had represented as MLA.

BS Yediyurappa

V Somanna

"No leader should suffer for being loyal to the party and obeying orders of the high command," said Somanna, who had contested from Varuna and Chamarajanagar assembly seats and lost both. "I did not lose because of the Congress party. The high command should instruct them (Yediyurappa and Vijayendra) not to trouble me anymore in future," he said, addressing party workers on Kuvempu's birth anniversary.

According to sources, Somanna had planned to lead a delegation of disgruntled leaders, including Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, to the Centre, but has now put aside the plan following Joshi's intervention.

"I made a mistake by quitting Govindaraja Nagar. I hope that by January 10, everything will be settled. I will express my pain to the high command who will give me justice," he said. "I am not stagnant water, and have my own commitments. Someone might have done black magic on me because of which I quit Govindaraja Nagar seat. If someone had suffered the pain I did, he would not have returned to the constituency."

Somanna denied that he planned to quit the BJP and join the Congress and become a candidate from Tumakuru LS seat. He clarified that he wants Narendra Modi as PM again. According to sources, Somanna may be nominated as MLC, and later be allowed to contest from Govindaraja Nagar assembly seat again.

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Yet another politically charged year ahead

IF the year that went by saw a dynamic shift in state politics, the one that we've just stepped into is likely to be even more frenetic on the political front. The 2024 Lok Sabha polls and its impact will dominate the course of Karnataka politics for the year.

The Lok Sabha poll results may not have any direct bearing on the stability of the Congress government, which looks quite comfortable with 136 MLAs in the 224-member assembly. However, it is likely to lead to a lot of churning within the ruling Congress.

The essence of such a churning will depend on Congress' overall performance at the Lok Sabha polls. A strong high command will ensure that state leaders work as a team, keeping aside their personal ambitions. Otherwise, factionalism could resurface posing challenges to the party and government.

The results would again put to test Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar's leadership and indicate how people of the state have received Congress' guarantee schemes as well as their implementation vis-a-vis BJP's "Modi ki guarantee". Unlike the assembly polls, the task ahead for the state Congress leaders is more difficult as the issues and voting patterns will be different. The Lok Sabha polls will mostly revolve around Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and I.N.D.I.A bloc's ability to present an alternative.

Well aware of the challenge, the state Congress has already got a headstart over its rivals in the candidate selection process and has been making efforts to set a narrative against the Modi government. In the next few weeks, the party will focus on identifying the 'winnable' candidates, while the government will try to burnish its report card by fast-tracking the implementation of its guarantee schemes. Starting the process for implementation of the fifth guarantee — financial assistance to unemployed graduates — at the fag end of 2023 indicates that the government and the party want to tick all the boxes when it comes to its big poll promises.

However, the government's handling of drought and failure to provide assistance to farmers and the concerns over development taking a backseat due to guarantees are expected to come under scrutiny. A potential water crisis during summer when elections are likely to be held will pose yet another challenge for the Siddaramaiah government.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah also faces the minority community appeasement charge made by the opposition, especially after his remarks about lifting the ban on wearing hijab in educational institutions. It could be an issue ahead of the polls, depending on how Congress pursues it. Most likely the Congress leadership will persuade Siddaramaiah against wading into a no-win gamble as that would present BJP with an issue to project the Congress party as anti-Hindu.

On their part, the BJP-JDS combined opposition is likely to come up with a joint strategy to halt Congress' winning momentum in the state. For the first time, both parties are allying for the polls and a lot depends on seat-sharing as well as synergy between them at all levels, right up to the grassroots.

The regional party seems to be taking a huge risk by openly going with the BJP. If it works well, the party may see one of its leaders being a part of the Union cabinet and that would help strengthen JD(S) in the state. But, if the experiment fails, the party could find it difficult to retain its support base. Given his political acumen, former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda would have certainly factored in the gains, risks and, more importantly, the immediate threat it faces from Congress. Gowda's new political strategy will be put to the test.

For the state BJP, which is now helmed by a young leader and former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa's son BY Vijayendra, retaining 25 seats is an uphill task. In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, Congress and JDS that went to the polls together worked at cross-purposes. But this time, the BJP-JDS alliance is up against Congress which looks formidable in AICC president Mallikarjuna Kharge's home state. A whisper campaign about the possibility of Kharge becoming the Prime Minister could make the task difficult for the BJP in the state.

But a lot depends on the BJP's ability to convert Modi's popularity into votes and the candidates connect with voters.

Under Yediyurappa-Vijayendra's leadership, the party also hopes to retain its Lingayat support base, which forms the bedrock of BJP's strength in the state, while also wooing other communities.

The BJP high command is said to have given a free hand to Vijayendra in putting in place his team. The new team is expected to make all-out efforts to retain the party seats as they see it as an opportunity to prove their leadership. Addressing dissent within the party remains a challenge.

Politics in the state is expected to see a change after the Lok Sabha polls, but what it means to the people of the state remains to be seen.

WILL RISE AGAIN...

People catch a glimpse of the last sunset of 2023 at Panambur Beach near Mangaluru city on Sunday evening | EXPRESS

PEOPLE OF 2024

Siddaramaiah & DK Shivakumar: The dual combo ensured Congress' victory in the Assembly polls, giving the Grand Old Party hope in other states as well as the Lok Sabha polls. Now, all eyes are on the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister, who have the demanding task of ensuring that Congress does well in AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge's home state. In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls the party won just one out of 28 seats. Although national issues will dominate the Lok Sabha polls, in Karnataka it will also be like a people's verdict on the Siddaramaiah government's guarantee schemes.

HD Deve Gowda & HD Kumaraswamy: Janata Dal (Secular) has forged an alliance with BJP for the Lok Sabha polls. Former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda and his son and former CM HD Kumaraswamy are now part of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA). The JDS is likely to contest from Vokkaliga-dominated seats in the Old Mysuru region. The LS poll performance will be crucial for the regional party's future.

S Somanath: Under the leadership of Chairman S Somanath, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) left the entire country awestruck by the success of the space agency in 2023. However, the dynamic young mind is not over the moon yet. Recently, Somanath announced that the space agency will look at a 'sample return mission' to bring back rocks from the Moon. His other plans include sending an Indian astronaut to the International Space Station by the end of 2024 in collaboration with NASA. In total, ISRO saw nine launch missions being successful including commercial launches-truly a new age for space in India.

Sumalatha: Actor-turned politician, Sumalatha, wife of late actor Ambareesh, is the one politician to look for in the 2024 General Elections. After she won as an Independent in 2019 from the Mandya constituency, she extended her support to the BJP in the 2023 Assembly elections. Now due to the alliance between BJP-JD(S), it is still unclear if Sumalatha will get a ticket from the saffron party. As JD(S) is firm on fielding its candidate from the Mandya constituency, all eyes are set on what will be her next move- whether she will give away the seat to contest from one of the three constituencies in Bengaluru (North, Central and South) or will she again contest as an Independent candidate from Mandya.

Third Eye (@3rdEyeDude): A social media account named 'Third Eye' has become viral among netizens. The page which is said to be run by an anonymous Bengaluru techie and a YouTuber has been posting on traffic violations, road rage incidents, ruthless driving, driving on footpaths, helmetless riders, dangerous wheeling and others which are recorded by himself and also sent to him by his followers.

Dr CN Manjunath: Having served Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Research and Science for more than two decades in various capacities, Director CN Manjunath is set to retire on January 31, 2024. Post retirement he is open to join any institution and continue his service in cardiac care. He will work on a 'price flexible model' and ensure poor and lower middle class get treatment at discount rates.

Dinesh Gundu Rao: All eyes will be on Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao in 2024. As JN.1 Covid-19 cases are increasing with every passing day and the state recording some deaths, the focus is back on the health department. The department has learnt many lessons during the earlier Covid-19 waves. It is now watching the rising cases, ramping up testing and keeping hospitals ready. After the detection of the female foetus abortion racket, the pressure is on Rao to ensure no cases are reported in 2024.

As we enter 2024, *The New Indian Express* decided to ask some leading personalities what they wish for in 2024 or what their foremost plans in the new year would be. What they shared carries positivity for 2024, an attempt to improve...

BY Vijayendra, Karnataka BJP president

Viksit Bharat is not just a statement. Prime Minister Narendra Modi really believes in that dream to see India as a developed nation by 2047. If India has to really emerge as a developed nation, Karnataka's role is very important. I hope this government moves in the right direction and with the right intent to support this cause, keeping politics aside. The Congress government in the state and the Chief Minister should think about the country first rather than petty politics. The country matters and Karnataka matters a lot.

Gaurav Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary

Energy projects are important for the growth of the country. The power sector projects are medium to long gestation projects and they need good planning. After a lull in the Covid period, we have seen a strong increase in power demand this year and timely measures have been taken to see more power is available. For future years we are working intensively to ensure more power in the field of generation and transmission so as to ensure full power availability to the state. Nothing can be done immediately but we are hoping to work continuously to achieve it.

BS Patil, Lokayukta Justice

Through Lokayukta we want to ensure maladministration is removed and there is good governance. Whether it is hospitals, hostels, schools, colleges, lakes, removal of encroachments or waste disposal or other areas, there should be zero corruption and maladministration, that is the ultimate vision of the institutions and the need for the society. This is what the Lokayukta has been set up for and is needed for a healthy society.

B Dayanand, Bengaluru City Police Commissioner

A road map for 2024 has been chalked out. Police stations being temples of justice should always live up to protect the interests of most vulnerable sections of society — poor, women and other weaker sections — rather than yielding to rich and powerful, as is the perception now. There is a plan to enhance the capability of policemen, especially at police stations, to tackle cyber crimes. Our war on drugs will continue, including creating awareness among youth with 'Police Marshals' programme. The number of CCTV cameras will also be increased in public spaces from the present 2.3 lakh to 5 lakh by the end of 2024. Safe and secure Bengaluru by professionally competent process-driven policing is our goal for 2024.

D Randeep, Health Commissioner

We would aim to improve the quality of services across all public health facilities by using the unique implementation models. Introduction of digital tools will also help improve governing practices. Health Department will also work to see enhanced and timely access to free drugs at public health facilities, in view of fast track and effective procurement process and also enable reach of essential drugs to people's doorstep, through the proposed new scheme of Gruha Arogya. The aim for Year 2024 is also for establishing a revamped 108 emergency ambulance service, 104 Arogya Sahayavani (helpline).

Tushar Girinath, Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Just like the past, continue to serve the city. Right from day one till the year-end, we will work for better services to Bengalureans. Some people have resolutions on January 1 and some start their new year on Ugadi but for us, every day is a new day and a new beginning with a new set of challenges. We have to work on generating revenue for the city administration and we will focus on that.

Manoj Kumar Meena, State Election Commissioner

Since we will be moving to the New Year and more importantly the General Election year in 2024, as a State Election Commission, our big accomplishment would be increasing the voting percentage during the Lok Sabha polls in areas like Kalyan Karnataka and BBMP region, where voting percentage was low. In Kalyan Karnataka, our average was around 50-60%, however, we registered 68% during the 2023 Assembly elections and hope to retain the improvement in Lok Sabha polls. In BBMP region 56.98% was registered. We will intensify voters' awareness and aim for 100%, that will be a significant achievement.

Anbu Kumar, KSRTC Managing Director

In 2024, our focus will be on passenger welfare and as the year progresses, one by one will be accomplished. We wish to add around 1,500 categories across all the sectors — ordinary, express, point- to- point and premium buses. Passengers will get to use technology to check the exact location of the bus, book tickets and other options that will help them save a lot of time. They will be able to buy tickets through UPI and ATM cards along with other measures that will make their rides comfortable.

Dr MC Sudhakar, Higher Education Minister

There are several priorities for the next year with skill being at the centre of it. As we know skill is the order of the day. In the coming days, we will have a group of ministers from departments such as Skill Development, Medical Education, Information Technology and Bio-Technology and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to discuss how the youth can be upskilled. We want to focus on the employability factor of education.

N Jayaram, BDA Commissioner

We will be implementing crucial projects that matter much to the City. BDA's Master Plan, which lays the blueprint for development of Bengaluru City, will be ready in the coming year. Tenders for the Rs 21,091 crore Peripheral Ring Road project that aims to decongest Bengaluru by encircling it for 73-km will be out and work will also begin. Early in January, we will issue a notification for allotment of sites in Dr Shivarama Karanth Layout, where 30,000 sites will be allotted.

2024: Challenges to overcome, happiness to attain

TIME is seamless. But we give it borders, like seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and years. In doing so, these grow on our mind – as it is now. These bordered time segments – in this case, years – make it even more imperative for us to make each of these better than the one we leave behind. Where we stand now, it's "Hello, Wonderful 2024!" after "Goodbye 2023!" Now, to make it a really "wonderful" 2024 means to tackle and overcome the challenges that 2023 has left staring in our face, so we can attain happiness for all, without exceptions.

Karnataka moves into 2024 with 223 of the total 236 taluks in the state being declared drought-hit. Of these, 196 have been severely hit, 27 moderately, by drought. Earlier in December 2023, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi and sought Rs 18,000 crore drought relief from the Centre. So far, the state's farmers have incurred a total loss of over Rs 33,000 crore. The drought has been attributed to erratic weather conditions and vagaries of nature. Compensation, yes, but with that, 2024 has to see the state laying intense stress on using sustainable technologies to make agriculture drought-proof, irrespective of climatic behaviour.

The state is facing a water crisis by February-end. Prolonged deficit rainfall is making its impact. Experts and officials concerned do not expect any heavy rainfall in the days ahead to fill the state's reservoirs to supply water for the crops and for drinking purposes. It will be a crisis needing the state government's prime attention in the new year.

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Health and education are the crucial sectors needing urgent attention in 2024. The year 2024 needs a mature approach from the state government, keeping quality of education and health as the top priority rather than vendetta-driven modifications to justify the character of the political party in power vis-a-vis its predecessor.

The health care budget allocation of Rs 14,950 crore is a mere four per cent of the total state budget. The state government will have to consider beefing up the allocation for this sector, especially considering the concerns ushered afresh by JN.1, the new viral sub-variant of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that spread Covid-19 across the world.

Covid is not the only concern. It's the overall public health that demands full and sincere attention of the state. If health is compromised, nothing progresses. The state needs to systematically invest in improving health services at district and taluk level, funds for which are inadequate at present.

In line with the Congress poll manifesto, 2024 will see the state government aiming at improving the functionality of schools, colleges, universities and the education department. It has scrapped the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) and introduced the State Education Policy (SEP), leaving not just the students but also the administration confused and in a state of disagreement at many levels. This will require deft handling, while keeping the needs of the students above political objectives. Hopes bank on the 15-member SEP Commission, headed by former University Grants Commission (UGC) chairman Sukhdev Thorat, whose report is expected to be out in February 2024, promising the education policy to be comprehensive and futuristic while addressing both short- and long-term challenges of the education system in the state. Minister for Primary Education and Literacy Madhu Bangarappa has also announced three board exams for students in Grade 10 and Grade 12 while doing away with the Main and Supplementary Examinations and issuing orders for changes in textbooks. It will be implemented when exams will be held between March and April 2024.

The main challenge for Karnataka in 2024 is to ensure harmony among castes, religions and linguistic communities in the state, and there is a need to work on those lines. The powers that be need to understand that the main aim of administering a state is to ensure maximum happiness of the maximum numbers for realising the meaning of "happy" in "Happy New Year". The New Year wishes will have no meaning with anything lesser.

BIG PROJECTS 2024

TUNNEL ROAD

The future of the proposed project by Bengaluru in-charge and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar is one to look forward to. The minister had even approached Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with a budget of Rs 30,000 crore. AECOM India, an international design firm, has suggested the North-South corridor between Yelahanka to Hosur Road and the East-West corridor between St Johns' Hospital to Kalyan Nagar covering 99 km. According to Shivakumar, an expression of interest was called and eight firms qualified to send feasibility reports. Experts flayed the concept.

STATE EDUCATION POLICY

After scrapping the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) in 2023, the state government is set to introduce the State Education Policy (SEP) in February 2024. The new policy aims to give quality education to students without "saffronising or Congressising" the system said Madhu Bangarappa, Primary Education and Literacy Minister. The policy also aims to address both short and long-term challenges of the education system in the state. The 15-member SEP Commission headed by former UGC chairman Sukhdev Thorat, will present its report in February 2024.

THREE ANNUAL EXAMS

Major exam reforms for Classes 10 (SSLC) and 12 (PUC II) will pave the way for a new system. The implementation of the new rule will offer several chances for students to improve their scores and allow individual retention for the best out of three examinations as the final result. With this, the government for the new academic year will remove the main and supplementary exam format. Even if students fail in a few subjects, the minimum required marks will be considered as an aggregate. This step has been taken to boost confidence among students.

GAGANYAAN MISSION

The Indian Space Research Organisation's ambitious Gaganyaan Mission will see further tests in 2024 leading up to the launch of the vehicle in 2025. The project aims to demonstrate human spaceflight capability by launching a crew of three members to an orbit of 400 km for a 3-day mission and bring them back safely to earth, by landing in Indian sea waters. Out of the five major milestones planned the team accomplished two this year with Pad Abort Tests, Unmanned flights and the ultimate manned flight lined up for the upcoming years.

NISAR

NISAR–NASA-ISRO SAR is a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) observatory being jointly developed by the two space agencies. NISAR will map the entire globe in 12 days and provide spatially and temporally consistent data for understanding changes in Earth's ecosystems, ice mass, vegetation biomass, sea level rise, groundwater and natural hazards including earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes and landslides. The NISAR observatory will be launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre(SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota in the first quarter of the year 2024 and the science community as well as all the nations will benefit from the data.

HSRP PLATES

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has mandated affixing High-Security Number Plates (HSRP) number plates in all old vehicles registered before April 2019. One of the main reasons for making HSRP mandatory is to prevent misuse of vehicles by changing the number plates by easily removing them. November 17 was the earlier deadline fixed by the transport department, which has now been extended to February 17, 2024, as a majority of vehicle owners are yet to change them. There are around two crore old vehicles in the state and they have to get HSRP before February 17.

MEKEDATU AND UPPER BHADRA PROJECTS

As the state government is in dispute with Tamil Nadu over sharing of Cauvery River water, the Deputy Chief Minister, who is also, water resources minister, DK Shivakumar, recently met, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, seeking clearance for the Mekedattu project, to construct a dam on Cauvery River to store 67 tmcft of water. He also asked the Centre to issue a gazette notification to declare Upper Krishna and Upper Bhadra projects, the long pending project of the state government, as central projects.

CAUVERY WATER SUPPLY TO PERIPHERAL AREAS

The Rs 5,500 cr project to supply drinking water to 110 villages on Bengaluru's periphery, funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency, will start from May 2024. The Cauvery Water Supply Stage-V project will provide 775 MLD to villages in Mahadevapura, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bommanahalli, Dasarahalli, Yelahanka, K R Puram and Byatarayanapura. Ten tmcft of Cauvery water was already sanctioned a decade ago to ensure supply for it. Half of these villages receive water once in a week at present. It will improve water supply to these areas.

NAMMA METRO LINE TO ELECTRONICS CITY

After missing multiple deadlines, the Reach-5 line between R V Road and Bommasandra via Electronics City is set to commission in 2024. Civil works and stations are almost completed but train set for trial runs, based on driverless technology, are yet to arrive from China. In addition, the Detailed Project Report for Metro Phase-3 line estimated to cost Rs 16,041 crore is expected to get Centre's clearance in early 2024. The State government approved the same on November 18, 2022. It will run to 44.65 km and comprise of two elevated corridors with 31 Metro stations.

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S HEGDE, 16754/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4269, SHIREESH S HEGDE, 14250/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4270, SHIREESH S HEGDE, 44473/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 2, 4274, SHIREESH S HEGDE, 80060/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2, 4275, SHIREESH S HEGDE, 31700/-, STUD 2, 4380, SHIREESH S HEGDE, 113552/-, CHAIN 1,STUD 2,
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R, 19300/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 101710780000847, MAHAMMAD MOIN IRSHAD, 16034/-, CHAIN 1, BANGALORE, DEVASANDRA MAIN ROAD K R PURA, 122670700049621, SHANTHI, 8071/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 122670730026047, NANDEESHAA C, 27080/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7075, LALITHA S V, 14463/-, MATTI 2, 7189, ASHOK, 14261/-,
FINGER RINGS 2, HASSAN, DHANALAKSHMI THEATRE CHENNARAYAPATNA, 133470700022034, MANJU, 100100/-, BANGLE 2,CHAIN 1, 2041, C N RAMESH, 7013/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 133470730035018, KIRAN, 17944/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 5086, PUNEETH M, 11146/-, STUD 2, BANGALORE RURAL, DOBBSPET, 111010700047269,
BHARATHI T, 110110/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 4, 111010700054122, DHANANJAYA, 110110/-, CHAIN 1, 4910, NADEEM KHAN, 11000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 111010730019598, MAHESH B P, 91406/-, NECKLACE 1, BANGALORE, DODDABALLAPURA, 109270730029654, RAVINAYAK, 9088/-, STUD 2, BANGALORE, DOMLUR,
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T, 12990/-, FINGER RINGS 1,LOCKET 1, CHIKKABALLAPUR, DVG ROAD,BAGEPALLI, 127290700056334, KADIRI NARASIMHAPPA, 20000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6409, VASUDHA, 21170/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 6420, TABRAJ BASHA, 140140/-, DROPS & STUD 2,NECKLACE 1, 6460, GANGADHRA B A, 25514/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER
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DEVARAJ GS, 110110/-, CHAIN 1, 106530700071161, SARASWATHI K, 8000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1561, SATHISH, 48808/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 1571, MOHAMMED ISMAIL, 18036/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1688, B L SRINATH, 9007/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1690, CHARAN R RAJU, 82246/-, CHAIN 1,NECKLACE 1, 106530730029062,
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STUD 2, 0042, DAYANANDA C, 26754/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, GOTTIGERE, 119710700036931, H.V CHANDRASHEKHAR, 34768/-, FINGER RINGS 1, CHIKKABALLAPUR, GOWRIBIDANUR, 118240730015683, RAJESHA K H, 28650/-, DROPS & STUD 2, TUMKUR, GUBBI B H ROAD, 102400700776024, MANSOOR
BASHA, 66000/-, DROPS & STUD 4,NECKLACE 1, 102400700788298, BORANARASAIAH, 17996/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8831, HITHENDRA KUMAR R, 7610/-, STUD 2, 8832, RAJU, 19000/-, STUD 2, 8836, NAVEEN KUMAR K, 30000/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2, 9025, NARASIMHAMURTHY H L, 28500/-, DROPS & STUD 2,
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STUD 2, 5554, VISHWANATHA CHAR J B, 28877/-, FINGER RINGS 2, BANGALORE, HMT LAYOUT VIDYARANYAPURA, 105790700058043, THIRUMAL PERUMAL, 30700/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, BANGALORE, HONGASANDRA, 106830730070654, JOJO JOY, 16946/-, FINGER RINGS 1, BANGALORE, HOSA
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P NAGAR, 121460700040385, VARUN M, 19000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, JAIMUNIRAO CIRCLE, 107330730022053, BHANUPRAKASH R N, 13841/-, STUD 2, JALAHALLI, 123800700040601, SURESH, 10000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, BANGALORE, JAYANAGAR, 109770730028301, MOHAN RAJ K, 18982/-, STUD 2, JAYANAGAR 9TH BLOCK,
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VENKATAPPA, 79700/-, BRACELET 1,FINGER RINGS 2, 1793, CHIRANJEEVI K R, 65800/-, NECKLACE 1, 1811, SUJAY DEVADIGA, 130000/-, NECKLACE 1, 1819, VENKATAPPA, 150150/-, CHAIN 1, 1952, CHIRANJEEVI K R, 125000/-, CHAIN 1, 1953, CHIRANJEEVI K R, 130130/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1,MATTI 1,NECKLACE 1,,,,
2026, SHIVARUDRAIAH, 139139/-, CHAIN 2, 2096, CHIRANJEEVI K R, 177177/-, NECKLACE 1, 2134, SUJAY DEVADIGA, 99000/-, DROPS 2,FINGER RINGS 3, 2140, VENKATAPPA, 141141/-, CHAIN 2,FINGER RINGS 3, 2163, CHIRANJEEVI K R, 83200/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 2206, CHIRANJEEVI K R, 140140/-, BRACELET 1, 2225,
CHIRANJEEVI K R, 79000/-, BRACELET 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 2226, CHIRANJEEVI K R, 103103/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 2238, SHIVARUDRAIAH, 140000/-, CHAIN 2, 2241, CHIRANJEEVI K R, 209000/-, NECKLACE 1, 2251, CHIRANJEEVI K R, 88500/-, BANGLE 2, 2256, CHIRANJEEVI K R, 84000/-, NECKLACE 1, 2258, SANDEEPA M S,
15000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2285, CHETHANKUMAR C, 9620/-, STUD 2, 2289, CHIRANJEEVI K R, 142142/-, CHAIN 1, 2335, CHIRANJEEVI K R, 129000/-, BANGLE 2, 2337, CHIRANJEEVI K R, 127000/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 2404, VENTAPPA, 106921/-, NECKLACE 1, 2438, VENTAPPA, 111000/-, CHAIN 1, 2441,
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SHIVARUDRAIAH, 96878/-, DROPS 2,FINGER RINGS 3, 8163, SHIVARUDRAIAH, 185405/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS 2,STUD 2, BANGALORE, KANAKAPURA BUSSTAND, 120660700054351, RAVINDRA TS, 10500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 120660730063379, VENKATARAJU, 13739/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3419, PALAKSHAA V, 217381/-, BRACELET
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RAGHAVENDRA, 112112/-, BANGLE 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 5542, MANJUNATHA, 11500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5599, RAMACHANDRA, 6780/-, FINGER RINGS 1, KARANTH ROAD HANUMANTHANAGARA, 124900700017620, VISHWESH C R, 43000/-, CHAIN 1, BANGALORE RURAL, KEMPAGOWDA NAGARA,DODDABALLAPUR,
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STUD 4, 2007, SYED SHOWKATH, 69978/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 2102, RUHID PASHA P, 176944/-, NECKLACE 1, KOLAR GOWRI PETA, 108990700065859, K V RUKMANI, 30830/-, BRACELET 1,STUD 4, 5962, A RAMESHA BABU, 85000/-, BANGLE 2,FINGER RINGS 1, BANGALORE, KONANAKUNDA CROSS, 109520700028907, SYED
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SHAHAJADE K, 29119/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0991, AMRUTHA N S, 83912/-, DROPS & STUD 4,NECKLACE 1, MARUTHI NAGAR, 108370700056861, SHANKAR D, 52821/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 2,MATTI 2, 108370730031031, MUNIYAMMA, 87311/-, NECKLACE 1, 1032, MUNIYAMMA, 29730/-, CHAIN 1, 1033, MUNIYAMMA,
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, FINGER RINGS 1, 2131, GURUPRASD M N, 11132/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 107150730054438, NAGESHA GOUDA, 72445/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 3, NAGENDRA BLOCK SREENIVAS NAGAR, 104410700764884, K HARIPRASAD, 15000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, NANDHINI LAYOUT RING ROAD, 121370700038643,
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For Manappuram Finance Ltd

A prowling leopard was spotted in the temple town of Srisailam on Saturday night, creating panic among the devotees. The forest officials rushed to the spot and took precautionary steps to avoid any man-animal conflict. There are at least five leopards straying in this region for last few months, said an officer

ISRO's first mission of 2024, XPoSat, all set for launch today

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

AFTER a successful 2023, 2024, too, seems to be an exciting one for the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) as it gears up for its next launch to study black holes and neutron stars on the first day of 2024. The countdown for XPoSat (X-ray Polarimeter Satellite) began on Sunday, December 31, 2023.

XPoSat is India's first dedicated polarimetry mission to study various dynamics of bright astronomical X-ray sources in extreme conditions. The spacecraft will carry two scientific payloads in a low Earth orbit.

Objectives of the mission

1. Measure polarisation of X-rays in the energy band 8-30keV emanating from about 50 potential cosmic sources
2. To carry out long-term spectral and temporal studies of cosmic X-ray sources
3. To carry out polarisation and spectroscopic measurements of X-ray emissions from cosmic sources in the common energy band

"The launch of the XPoSat is set for January 1, 2024, at 09:10 hrs. IST from the first launchpad, SDSC-SHAR, Sriharikota," announced ISRO on Sunday. The mission will take flight on the trusted shoulders of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV). This will be PSLV's 60th flight.

This mission will make India the second country in the world to launch an advanced astronomy observatory to study these celestial happenings. The first one was by NASA in 2021 called Imaging X-ray Polarimetry Explorer or IXPE.

The completely home-grown satellite lives up to ISRO's image of launching missions at a minimal cost. According to sources, XPoSat was developed at a cost of Rs 250 crore and is expected to be in space for about five years.

The primary payload POLIX (Polarimeter Instrument in X-rays) developed by Raman Research Institute (RRI) in Bengaluru will measure the polarimetry parameters, degree and angle of polarisation in medium X-ray energy range of 8-30 keV photons of astronomical origin. The XSPECT (X-ray Spectroscopy and Timing) payload made by the Space Astronomy Group of URSC will give spectroscopic information in the energy range of 0.8-15 keV, noted the space agency.

Despite a plethora of information on black holes, the exact nature of the emissions is still unknown. Through XPoSat, scientists can analyse the degree of polarization and the angle of polarization of these emissions from astronomical sources. "The polarimetric observations along with spectroscopic measurements are expected to break the degeneracy of various theoretical models. This would be the major direction of research from XPoSat by the Indian science community," explained ISRO in a statement.

Another POEM in space

The PSLV Orbital Experimental Module-3 (POEM-3) experiment will be executed meeting the objective of 10 identified payloads, supplied by ISRO and IN-SPACe. Usually, the fourth stage of the PSLV is left to burn in space and create space debris. However, with POEM several experiments will be conducted on space technologies.

After the injection of XPoSat at 650km, the fourth stage (PS4) will be lowered to 350 km, by restarting it twice. The left-out propellant in the PS4 will be disposed of through the main engines as a precursor to enabling the safety of the PS4 stage in atmosphere reentry experiments planned in future. The Oxidiser will be let out first followed by fuel in a predetermined sequence of operations. The existing scheme of spent stage passivation by venting the tank pressure will also be active. Post passivation of PS4, the control of the stage is transferred to POEM avionics," ISRO added.

The launch can be viewed live on ISRO's YouTube and Facebook handles from 8:40 am on January 1.

Kerala recorded 24% deficit rainfall in 2023

State narrowly escaped its driest period thanks to a surplus northeast monsoon

UNNIKRISHNAN S @T'Puram

KERALA this year recorded 24% deficit rainfall, its worst since 2017. The state received 2,202mm of rain in 2023 against the normal 2,890mm.

The only silver lining was that the state, despite experiencing one of its driest periods, escaped from setting the record for the worst rainfall ever thanks to a surplus northeast monsoon. The monsoon, ending on December 31, contributed an additional 27% of rainfall, with the state receiving 624mm of rain compared to the normal 492mm since October.

According to weather experts, a good monsoon at the end of the year helped the state from recording the worst rainfall deficit in history.

"Kerala recorded the worst rainfall deficit in 2016 (an El Nino year) marked by a poor northeast monsoon season. Though 2023 was also an El Nino year like 2016, the northeast monsoon this time tried to compensate for previous deficits," said Rajeevan Erikkulam, a meteorologist with Kerala State Disaster Management Authority.

Rainfall seasons are divided into winter (January and February), pre-monsoon (March-May), southwest monsoon (June-September) and northeast monsoon (October-December).

The first and second seasons saw a deficit of over 20%. This year's southwest monsoon, which usually accounts for 70-80% of the state's total annual rainfall, turned out to be the worst in the past 50 years, with a deficit of 34%.

Rajeevan said the deficit of nearly 50% in Wayanad is a cause for concern while southern districts like Idukki made up for the deficits with surplus rainfall during the northeast monsoon.

Only Wayanad and Kannur received less rainfall (-4% departure each) during the northeast season while Pathanamthitta, Trivandrum, Kottayam, Alappuzha and Ernakulam received large excess or excess rainfall.

RAINFALL COMPARISON

2016: 1,871 mm
2021: 3,600 mm
2022: 2,897 mm
2023: 2,202 mm

NEW BEGINNINGS

Sand art by Manas Sahoo wishing everyone a Happy New Year 2024, in Puri, on Sunday | PTI

Active Covid cases reaches 1,000 in K'taka

CASE FILES

Positive cases on Dec 31: **229**

Active cases: **1,000** **22** in ICU, **35** in general

Tests done: **3,527**

Deaths: **0**

Positivity rate: **6.49** percent

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE total Covid active cases in the state touched 1,000 on Sunday. Bengaluru Urban topped the list with 517 cases, followed by Mysuru 83 and Mandya 42. Of the total active cases, 943 are in home isolation.

The state also reported 229 new positive cases, but no deaths. The Health Department carried out 3,527 tests across the state of which 2,972 were RTPCR and 555 RAT. The positivity rate was 6.49%.

Since December 15, the state has sent 247 samples for Whole Genomic Sequencing (WSG) and the results of 60 have arrived till now. Of the 60 samples, 34 were identified with the new variant JN.1.

Also since December 15, the state witnessed 13 deaths in total of which three positive patients were infected with the new variant JN.1. The Health Department is awaiting the reports of the remaining samples.

K'taka still awaits carpooling guidelines

AKNISREE KARTHIK @ Bengaluru

THE state transport department which was supposed to frame its own guidelines for carpooling in Bengaluru, is yet to come up with the guidelines. It all started when the transport department geared up to impose a ban on the use of mobile applications for the purpose of carpooling. After repeated complaints from private taxi and auto drivers, that the non-commercial (whiteboard) vehicles engaging in carpooling is eating away their revenue and termed it 'illegal', the government was contemplating a ban on apps like Quick Ride, Zoom, Ride Share, Bla-Bla car and others.

Bengaluru South MP Tejaswi Surya in a letter addressed to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Oct 1, insisted that no ban be imposed on carpooling. Pointing out that the Karnataka Motor Vehicles Rules 1989 is outdated, Surya demanded it be amended to permit carpooling for private vehicles to ease traffic congestion. In response, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said that the transport department will come up with guidelines in ten days. However, there has been a delay, and carpooling continues without any guidelines from the state.

Karnataka State Private Transport Associations' president Nataraj Sharma said, "Transport department is directed to listen to the private taxi and auto unions, to understand how they are affected by the use of white-board vehicles for carpooling purpose. Transport department officials said that we will be called for a meeting soon, and we are confident that carpooling using personal vehicles will be banned."

"Carpooling is very beneficial for office going people as in the place of four to five cars, only one is being used to reach the destination. This helps reduce the already high pollution in the city, and is preferred over autos because of the rocket high price," said a person who carpools regularly.

A senior official from the transport department said, "We will listen to the stakeholders to know the pros and cons. The state transport department will draft the guidelines soon."

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KSRTC to add 100 Pallakki sleeper buses

AKNISREE KARTHIK @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has decided to add 100 more Pallakki sleeper buses, following wide appreciation from public.

Pallakki buses that operate under the tagline 'Happiness is travelling' have been running to full capacity since their launch, the primary reason being that it is budget-friendly.

The new buses offer comforts similar to premium buses like Ambari Utsav, with 30 sleeper berths. The bus also has a special fire detection and suppression system that will alert passengers when fire flames are detected inside the bus. The bus corporation introduced non-AC sleeper buses (Pallakki) this year after a gap of five years.

KSRTC MD Anbu Kumar said, "We introduced Pallakki sleeper buses in October and ever since it has been among the most sought-after services of KSRTC. We launched 40 buses this year and given the overwhelming response, we will be adding 100 more Pallakki buses in 2024."

Further explaining factors that made the bus the most preferred, Kumar said, "We have many sleeper bus services– the recently introduced Ambari Utsav, Ambari Dream Class among others. These are premium and air-conditioned. The prices of these services are also dear. However, Pallakki on the other hand is a non-AC sleeper bus that is budget-friendly, thus rising its demand."

Those who wish to avoid travelling in AC sleeper buses prefer Pallakki, he said and added that these buses help people reach long destinations without tiring themselves, Kumar said.

Gradually, we will be adding 100 Pallakki buses and they will be pressed into duty to cover long destinations from Bengaluru and other districts, he added.

Alongside help from other students, Shreesha led an awareness campaign to help preserve the stream.

Staff deployed near stream to stop littering

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THE survey, however, also introduced her to the sad state of affairs of the stream where she found loads of plastic and other garbage dumped by its banks. From coffee pulping to plastic waste, the stream was being polluted by a few locals and tourists who visited the spot.

Shreesha compiled the story and submitted a report on the pitiable condition of the water body to the district administration, district police and the local panchayat. Her efforts persuaded SP K Ramarajan to deploy the staff near the stream to stop littering. Further, the administration has ordered the local body to install CCTVs to control garbage dumping at its banks. With the help from her classmates, Shreesha also led an awareness campaign across the locality even as residents were urged to take responsibility in preserving the stream.

ASI LAUNCHES RESTROOMS, CAFES FOR TOURISTS IN HAMPI

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Hosapete

FOR the first time, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Hampi Circle, has launched a restroom and cafeteria service for tourists visiting Hampi. The administration also plans to provide services like a full-fledged restaurant and lodging facility.

These eateries will come up at two locations near Vijaya Vittala temple premises, and one near Ugra Narasimha Temple area.

Currently, the ASI team has a small store that sells tea, coffee, tender coconut and light snacks. The team will soon provide a few rooms for temporary lodging facility for tourists. The administration has to complete a few formalities before the services are made available to tourists. However, the holiday season and New Year celebrations has attracted many tourists, and the administration is planning to provide them snacks and beverages to enhance their travel experience.

ASI now provides cafeteria service for tourists in Hampi | EXPRESS

A senior official from the ASI said that two cafeterias have opened up in Hampi to cater to tourists, and more such outlets will be opened soon.

"The price range per cup of tea or coffee is between Rs 10 and Rs 20. The snacks menu includes samosa, puffs, cool drinks and water bottles. The ASI is yet to finalize the tariff for lodging facility. Once ready, the rooms will have hygienic toilets, clean beds and other services. As per rules of ASI, the buildings were constructed in Hampi architecture style. Restaurants are being opened with the agenda of providing clean and hygienic food and room facilities for visitors," the official added.

Nagaraj Bhat, a visitor, said the new eateries will serve visitors, especially foreigners. "It's a welcome move by ASI and the project will support the local population as well. Hope tourists get good service," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Mega Jaipur Foot fitment camp to be hosted in B'luru

Bengaluru: In an effort to empower amputees and people affected by polio, Rotary Bangalore Peenya in collaboration with Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayatha Samiti, Jaipur will be organizing the Free Mega Jaipur Foot Fitness Camp from January 3 to 9 at Ganesh Bagh in Shivajinagar. The organizers will be providing free fitment for 650 limbs, 600 calipers, 800 crutches, 50 wheelchairs, and 80 LN4 forehands, totalling 2,180 aids. The beneficiaries are required to bring a mandatory Aadhaar copy for the free fitment services. Beneficiaries can contact coordinator Vasanth Kumar GR at 9845052554.

Jagan's NY gift: Enhanced pension of Rs 3K for beneficiaries a reality

Vijayawada: Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy would be fulfilling another pre-poll promise on Monday with the disbursal of enhanced pension of Rs 3,000 to the beneficiaries. With the enhancement, the Andhra Pradesh government is the only one in the country to provide a pension of Rs 3,000 per month to a maximum of 66.34 lakh people. The Government increased the pension amount for each beneficiary to ₹3,000, starting at ₹2,250 per month, and is providing it every month on time. The distribution of enhanced pensions will start from January 1, 2024.

EDUCATION POLICY

Min: Upskilling teachers, students key focus for '24

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

SETTING the course for the new year, Higher Education Minister MC Sudhakar highlighted his goals for 2024. The minister said upskilling will be the key focus to improve the quality of education, not just for students but also for teachers. He claimed that in over six months since he took charge a lot of work has been done.

"We are proposing new things for higher education and in the coming days we will sign a MoU with Wadhwani Foundation for short English speaking cousres. Initially, it will be to upskill teachers and later will be extended to students in government institutions, polytechnic and engineering colleges," he explained. Speaking on collaborations and tie-ups with foreign universities the minister told that there are several meetings lined up for exchange programmes. "We have a meeting coming up with New Zealand consisting of 8 universities for an exchange programme which includes sharing of knowledge in February 2024."

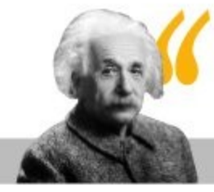
Recently the department officials also had a meeting with a delegation consisting of 45 universities from America. "Our department is also in conversation with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Harvard School of Business and the American School of Economics," he stated.

The department has also been instructed to form a committee and review the present curriculum of courses and analyse the employability and industry readiness of the students. "Officials have been directed to analyse the status of government engineering and polytechnic institutions and compare them to the private and successful ones. They will analyse the gaps and how to bridge them to make sure our government institutions are at par with private ones," Sudhakar emphasised.

Another key priority for the Higher Education Department is to streamline the academic calendar for 2023-2024. A joint meeting will be held with Primary Education and Literacy Minister, Madhu Bangarappa and Medical Education Minister, Dr Sharanprakash Patil to bring uniformity in exam schedules and admission process to avoid delays which usually lead to pressure and loss of year for several students.

As far as Collegiate education is concerned the minister was to push for good infrastructure and the faculty. Sudhakar added, "As we know skill is the order of the day. In the coming days, we will have a group of ministers from departments such as Skill Development, Medical Education, IT-BT and MSMEs to discuss how the youth can be upskilled. We want to focus on the employability factor of education."

EDITORIAL



The measure of intelligence is the ability to change — Albert Einstein

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.

— Ramnath Goenka

JD(U) POWER POINT AND THE NITISH TRUST DEFICIT IN OPPOSITION

WHEN Nitish Kumar recently took back the reins of the JD(U), one of the speculated reasons for the dramatic shake-up was the failure of his predecessor to lobby for a honourable position for the Bihar chief minister in the opposition's INDIA bloc.

The other allegation against the party's outgoing national president Rajiv Ranjan Singh a.k.a Lalan Singh was his growing proximity to RJD founder Lalu Yadav. The RJD is the biggest party in the ruling mahagathbandhan in the state. The more serious charge was the threat of Lalan engineering a vertical split in the JD(U) legislative party that has 44 MLAs, as 12 of them are said to be in his camp. That is a critical number as the ruling alliance in the state minus the JD(U) is just eight short of a simple majority. So, Nitish had to wrest back control of the party to prevent poaching. It is this survival instinct that has kept him in power over the years.

Hard bargaining for Lok Sabha seats within the mahagathbandhan in Bihar is due shortly, which can be expected to produce quite a few sparks. There were doubts about Lalan's commitment to get the best seat deal, given his leaning towards the RJD. He had earlier suggested that Nitish cede the chief ministership to RJD's Tejashvi as soon as possible so as to find time to lead the opposition front. When a party chief wants to hand over the reins of power to a powerful ally on a platter, his commitment to nurture his own party naturally becomes suspect. But with the Enforcement Directorate vultures hovering over Tejashvi's head in the land-for-railway jobs scam, the deputy CM's continuation in power is suspect, a prospect Nitish would take heart from.

Nitish fancies himself as the prime ministerial candidate of the INDIA bloc, which was why he earlier did grandstanding by claiming the next Bihar elections would be fought under the leadership of Tejashvi. Nitish's wealth of experience, clean image, rustic approach, soft-spokenness and backward class politics gave him bragging rights of being a mass leader. But his easy political morals and past association with the BJP to protect his self-interest makes his commitment a suspect in the opposition's eyes. He can only blame himself for the trust deficit. If Nitish were to do a chameleon again, whatever little reputation he has as a credible leader would be mud.

ECONOMY NEEDS SOME FIXES TO THRIVE IN 2024

HOW 2024 pans out for India could set the tone for the country's long-term economic prospects. Year 2023 was better than expected for the country's economy with real GDP growth comfortably higher than 7% in the first three quarters. Even with a likely 6.5% growth in the December quarter, the 2023 GDP growth would be closer to 7%. With such strong performance in the past year and a much better fiscal position to begin with, the new year could mean India has all the ingredients for another strong performance even if global growth runs into a recession. The general elections in 2024 could be a defining moment for the country. Analysts predict policy continuity but even if there's a surprise election result, the economy will continue to perform well on the back of the country's demographic advantage and a slowing China.

As of end-2023, the economic fundamentals of the country are well placed. The GDP in the second quarter of FY24 grew by 7.6%, beating all estimates. Full-year GDP growth projections have been increased to 7% from the earlier 6.5%. The inflation, though not anywhere close to the RBI's target of 4%, is below 6%. The trade deficit is narrowing – April-November 2023 trade deficit was at $61 billion against $100 billion in the same period last year. As a result, India's current account deficit is now much lower than it was in the previous year. The country's foreign currency reserves are now at $620 billion, the highest since April 2022.

The Centre's gross collections recorded a growth of 15% in the April-November 2023 period. The equity markets in 2023 surged 20% as most parameters pointed towards a strong economic performance.

However, a few crucial indicators need to gain momentum for the Indian economy to keep doing well in 2024. For a good part of the past three years, the economy has suffered from poor private-sector investments. There are signs of a pick-up in corporate loans and private capex, but they need to manifest more strongly in 2024 for India to keep growing above 7%. The consumption cycle, especially in the rural areas, must also show clear signs of revival to ensure that the fruits of economic growth are reaching all sections of the society. Lack of quality jobs also remains a cause of worry for an economy that looks to reap the benefit of demographic dividend. If India could fix these problems in 2024 without fiscally being too imprudent, the road ahead is bright.

QUICK TAKE

PICK THE RIGHT WORDS IN 2024

TILL a few years ago, picking the word of the year was less a scientific exercise than one of understanding the zeitgeist. The Oxford English Dictionary—which still does it the old way, with help from lexicographers and linguists—deemed the word of 2023 was 'rizz'. But Cambridge Dictionary and Dictionary.com, which have moved on to the mundane metric of what people looked up the most online, say the term of the year just gone by was 'hallucinate', as in AI hallucinations. At the turn of the year, we hope the word of 2024 will be 'ceasefire' and the term people search the most be 'climate action'.

Artificial Intelligence is wonderful, but in our everyday practice, it is just creepy. How do we stop this technology from taking control of our lives?

PROTECTING THE INDIVIDUAL FROM THE AI

NISHANT SHAH

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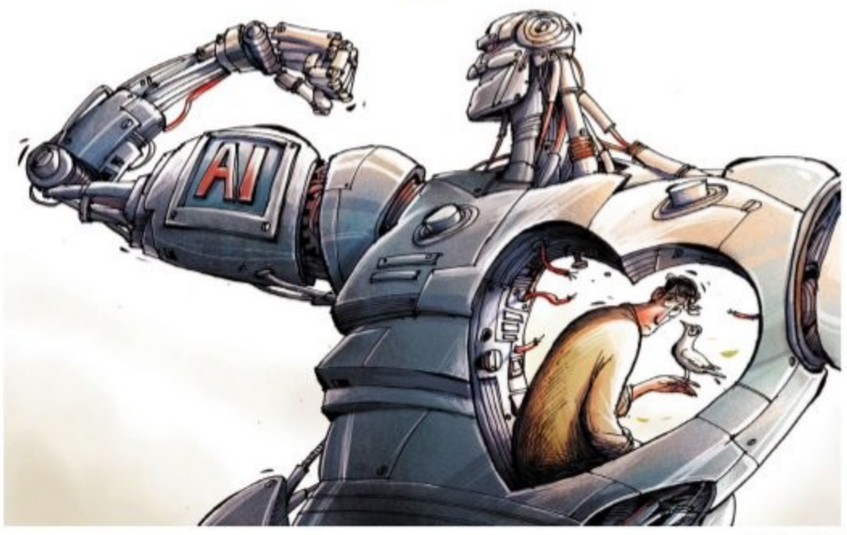

SOUMYADIP SINHA

IF you ask people in my life, who don't quite know what to make of my research in digital cultures and AI systems, they vaguely refer to me as 'doing something with computers and AI'. This means that through several inter-generational networks, I often get questions that are filled with anxiety, from people who find themselves lagging behind in the fast-paced, almost breathless development of digital technology systems.

With the unleashing of Generative AI technologies (like ChatGPT, Midjourney, Bing and Bard), questions such as these have increased in the last few months. "Is my phone hacked?" "How do I know if somebody is spying on me?" "How do I trust a message from a bank or my phone company?" "Can somebody leak my pictures from my personal account?" "Is this person I met on a dating site real?" "My friend sent me this information with a link but it doesn't seem right." "I just got locked out of my laptop because my security app is not recognising my face!" "I am worried that my partner is being radicalised into extremist behaviour without him knowing it." "My company is restructuring. Am I going to be replaced by an algorithm?" "Is it safe for me to voice my dissent to a populist movement or will I be targeted and prosecuted for it?" "I saw a picture of me being shared that is fake. How do I stop that?"

Of course, AI is driving innovation, making advancements in cancer research, discovering impossible mathematical numbers, creating models to understand climate crises, streamlining distribution of resources to support people in crises, making art and incredible works of fantasy. AI is wonderful, but in our everyday practice, AI is just creepy. It seems to be everywhere and in everything. It drives our phones, our cars and our friendships. It seems to know us better, faster, and in more intimate ways than anybody else, and uses our weaknesses to exploit us into taking action that can go against our own safety. AI is invisible, and we don't know what its intentions are as the system slowly shapes all parts of our life, changing how we think of the three most basic blocks of living: I, you, and us.

So alarming is the pace of this transformation that earlier this year, a lot of influential people in the big tech industry—many of them responsible for the making of these AI systems—called for a pause to develop and deploy Generative AI systems because we are running a losing race in preserving fundamental values and civil liberties as these applications run wild without regulation, accountability, or predictable outcomes. The wildfire spread of AI systems has ushered in the most unregulated experiment in social, political, and economic engineering and there seems to be very little we, as individual users can do, except keep our fingers crossed and hope for the best.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

While it is true that AI systems can be technology blackboxes and difficult to understand or control, that cannot be the reason why we give up on aligning it with fundamental values and principles of being human. The idea that AI is too large for us to do anything produces a repetition of doom, gloom, and despair, convincing us that our AI futures are in the hands of the select few who know and can control these Franken-monsters. As a researcher working with computers and algorithms, it is not in my training to predict what AI futures will look like, but I can perhaps offer three different ways to put the 'I' back into AI—an approach that calls for Human-Centered AI.

Know the I: Alan Turing, had famously prophesised that one day, a virtual machine will fool us into believing that it is human. Turing's test was not about a technology fooling us but a technology that makes us question what it means to be human. As Generative AI proliferates more, we are going to increasingly face this question. Who am I? In the face of sapient technologies and self-learning algorithms, if we do not have a strong sense of what makes us human, we are giving the authority of determining the measure of the human to these systems. The 'I' needs to be the measure of AI and not something the AI defines through its predictive, data driven, probability based indices.

Know the You: Algorithmic systems thrive on binaries and polarisation. The more different we are , the easier it is for those who control these systems to separate us. At the backend of AI systems are databases. These databases reflect and amplify systemic biases and prejudices. The data is so singular and granular that new modes of discrimination emerge, which continue to produce us as the 'other'. Big data produces small harms which pile up. Each small harm feels like it is happening to somebody else, but cumulatively it affects us all. We need to refuse the 'othering' of you that AI systems produce and insist on transparency and explainable frameworks that are committed towards affinity and commonality.

Know the Us: AI systems are organising systems. They put us into virtual networked neighbourhoods based on indicators and metrics that go beyond traditional identity markers. These groups lead to the production of filter bubbles, echo chambers, and communities of panic where misinformation is used as a weapon to generate anxiety and harmful actions. The current deployment of AI systems produces isolation and separation. We are produced as so irreconcilably different that we no longer think of a collective us. This creates apathy. Apathy leads to inaction. When we feel powerless as individuals, we give the responsibility of decision making and judgement to AI systems. We will have to find new ways of imagining the us because our AI futures are collective.

AI systems often present themselves as constantly new. The newness makes us believe that all the solutions to counter the harms of AI are in the future. It is important to historicise the emergence of AI and realise that while it might reconfigure problems, these are still older problems and the answers are not only going to be in regulation and oversight of AI but in reimagining what it means to be human in these changing times. The challenge in front of us is not just to control AI but to protect the human that is being challenged by AI.

(Views are personal)

HOW ADHIK MAAS CAME TO BE KNOWN AS GOD'S MONTH

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

HAPPY New Year, dear readers. Since we follow the Gregorian calendar in everyday life, I thought it might be nice to retell an Indian calendar story to start the year with. An extra month comes by in the Indian lunar calendar every 32 months. To be precise, it comes around every 32 months, 16 days and eight *ghadis*, a *ghadi* being a unit of 24 minutes. The extra month was created to synchronise the lunar calendar, which has 354 days, with the solar calendar, which has 365 days.

Back then, everybody knew that the *talas* or musical rhythms, also born of time, had names and personalities. Just as the regular months of the lunar calendar had names and personalities. They were in this order, Chaitra, Vaisakh, Jyestha, Asadh, Shravan, Bhadra, Ashvin, Kartik, Agrahayana, Paus, Magh and Phalgun. Each month had 30 or 31 days and the calendar usually began with Chaitra on March 22 in regular years and on March 21 in leap years.

With so much to remember already, nobody had time to bother with the extra month. They called it Adhik Maas, the additional month, and that took care of that. But the spirit of Adhik Maas minded very much. 'I don't have a proper name," it mourned, "although I am the quickstep trod between the stately measures danced by the sun and the moon. But do I belong to anybody? No, I don't. Where are my feasts and festivals? Nor do I belong to the gods. Do they even know I exist? It's disheartening being the thirteenth month and showing up at different times of the year, every 32 months, 16 days and eight *ghadis*. I confuse and irritate people and they say things like, "Oh no, it's the additional month again. Fasts, charities and austerities, can't do this, can't do that. Adhik Maas is a bother and a bore." I'm not unfair, I quite see their point of view and I don't exactly blame them. But I can't help feeling very low.'

One year, Adhik Maas fell between June 17 and July 16. It should have been a happy time that year at least for that's when the rains came and the country waited eagerly for the monsoon to blow away the dust of summer and wash everything as good as new. But the rains failed that year. The burning sun of summer seemed to reach its zenith far too soon and to stay there for an unreasonable number of hours before it reluctantly came down. The people had a terrible time, for hope deferred made the heart sick. It also made stomachs sick, with food that spoilt within minutes despite being kept in cool places, and it gave them all the most blinding heat headaches. Oh, how the people suffered that never-ending Indian summer. "They're suffering doubly because of me," thought Adhik Maas wretchedly. "The fasts and hold-backs prescribed for my time with them are hard enough in any season. But in this terrible heat—oh, I can't bear their suffering! I'm sorry, dear people, I'm so sorry," wept Adhik Maas. But of course, nobody could know that and poor Adhik Maas had to hear double the number of curses.

EXPRESS

At a local Vishnu temple, a forlorn Adhik Maas (additional month) lamented over not belonging to any deity. His cries were heard by Hari who comforted him by saying Adhik Maas belonged to him and shall be known as God's month

One evening, when the whole afternoon had gone by hearing the most dreadful things about itself in angry voices of every age, Adhik Maas crept miserably to the local Vishnu or Hari temple. A crowd had gathered, washed and combed, wearing flowers and fresh clothes the way one must ideally show up in a God's house, with the right attitude of thanksgiving. Besides dropping by to greet the Gods, the crowd intended to stay and hear the old Pauranikar or story-teller, a famous man in the region, expound the Hari Katha that evening at their temple. Listening to the stories of Hari always put everyone in a good frame of mind and the sweet smells, the gaiety and beauty of the Vaishnava temple, and its excellent *prasad*, would all be made even more pleasurable by listening to a really good story after devotions were done.

That evening, somebody in the audience, a bright girl in a red skirt with two long, glossy black plaits hanging down her back, had a question for the Pauranikar. "Every month in our calendar is dedicated to a deity, grandfather," she said respectfully. "Which deity does Adhik Maas belong to, please?"

"Nobody," said the Pauranikar. Talk about being publicly shamed. Adhik Maas wished passionately that it had a mortal body just so that it could dash its head on a granite pillar. Adhik Maas lingered forlornly at the temple after everybody had gone home. It saluted Vishnu in his shrine and told him sadly, "I belong to nobody and that makes me an orphan."

Hari understood how it felt. He said lovingly, "No, you belong to me. And I shall say so to the priests at Ujjain in their dreams. They are the ones who measure time and make the calendar." That's how Adhik Maas came to be also called Purushottam Maas or God's Month and felt at peace with eternity.

By and by, the people gave Adhik Maas a lovely festival, too. The Radha-Vallabhi sampradaya, a sect centred in Vrindavan, began to celebrate Vishnu's eighth avatar, Krishna, on the last day of Adhik Maas with Vyahula' the splendid allegory of Radha and Krishna's mystic marriage. The Vyahula rejoiced in a happy atmosphere with sangeet seva or an offering of music through songs, sung to the beat of a dholak drum and *chimta*, iron tongs to mark the beat. Women got up and danced in joyful *nritya* seva or offerings of dance before the beautifully dressed, flower-wreathed images of Radha and Krishna. Rich and poor sat and sang cheerfully together and shared *prasad* afterwards.

The spirit of Adhik Maas was thus completely satisfied and so were the people, who really did not care for a month without a pleasant festival or two in it.

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MAILBAG

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New age

Ref: *Coming of age: Ram and Bharat in 2024* (Dec 31). The welfare measures implemented by PM Modi would stand the party in good stead in the upcoming elections. If Modi comes to power, he would strive for a permanent seat for India in the UN, smooth relations with China and Pakistan and end the Ukraine conflict, as suggested by Prabhu Chawla.
G Nataraja Perumal, Tenkasi

Religious politics

Ref: *Avoid crowding of Ayodhya on Jan 22, urges PM* (Dec 31). PM Modi who is going to inaugurate the consecration of Ram Temple at Ayodhya urged people to avoid overcrowding. Although it is not a state sponsored event BJP is set upon pleasing the majority while the opposition is attempting to woo the minorities. In short, politics with religion is the order of the day.
B Veerakumaran Thampi, Pattom

Creating divides

Ref: *Christians too are victims of Palestine war, says Pinarayi* (Dec 31). Even when it has no overriding relevance in Kerala, Israel-Hamas war is being repeatedly discussed with the aim of creating a religious polarisation. If this is done for some electoral gains it will surely backfire in the long run thereby alienating the majority community.
Ullattil Pakiteeri Raghunathan, Thrissur

Athletes' plight

Ref: *Vinesh leaves her awards on Kartavya Path* (Dec 31). Returning of awards in protest has now become a trend. Some are doing this just to gain attention. However, the recent protests by wrestlers are the result of disgust at the response to their grievances. Stern action against the likes of Brij Bhushan is the need of the hour.
R Kathurirangan, Bengaluru

Voters' test

DMK came to power in Tamil Nadu in 1967 replacing the Congress. Since then, hatred for Congress' penchant for corruption kept the party at bay. Now BJP has given a corruption free rule and wants to extend the same in Tamil Nadu. For the 2024 elections, it appears BJP will distance itself from both DMK and AIADMK. It is a real test for Tamil Nadu voters to see which one they choose.
R Ganesan, Chennai

Restoring peace

Israeli planes targeting the southern region in Gaza have resulted in tragic casualties. The Israeli military is displaying cowardness by only targeting civilians. It is sad when NGOs talk of big things but they haven't made any effort to restore peace.
Mohammad Taukir, Bettiah

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Mallikarjun Kharge @kharge

You said, till 2022, every farmer's income will double... Every Indian will have a house, 24x7 electricity. None happened... but Indians know BJP's lies are strongest!

Jagat Prakash Nadda @JPNadda

Those people who left no stone unturned in doing injustice to the society are imagining the Nyaya Yatra these days.

2024: THE DECIDER YEAR

WORLD'S LARGEST DEMOCRACY, INDIA & THE OLDEST, US, ARE AMONG 60 COUNTRIES AND MORE GOING TO POLLS THIS YEAR

FOCUS TERM III

AFTER WIN IN 3 STATES, BJP TO USE NEW 'JOSH'

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

FACED with trials, and triumph in electoral politics in 2023, the BJP's 'josh' is high as it aims to win 350-plus seats in the Lok Sabha polls due early this year. The party has already come to power in three Hindi heartland states, wresting two of them (Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh) from Congress and winning Madhya Pradesh in a surprising landslide.

Keen to go with the mantra of 'Modi Ki Guarantee', the BJP heading the NDA is set to go after the INDIA bloc Opposition in a well-crafted strategy for 2024. "The BJP's mascot is 'Vikas-purush' Narendra Modi. We will take on the Opposition by highlighting 'politics of achievements' against their 'politics of appeasement'. We'll tell people that we are against casteism, nepotism and dynastic politics," remarked a senior BJP functionary. "Our vision is for 'Viksit-Bharat by 2047," he added.

The party has released its campaign around 'Phir Aayega Modi for 2024, which includes audio-visuals on the Modi government's achievements in the last nine years. Beginning with Ram temple, the campaign pitch includes Ganga-Aarti, Sengol installation in the new Parliament building, road and rail expansion, the success in enacting laws for reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and assembly elections, the SC's verdict on the validation of the abrogation of Article 370, the enactments of criminal justice laws replacing old colonial rules such as IPC and CrPC.

Even as it raises the campaign pitch in the coming days and months, the party plans a massive reach-out in 165 parliamentary constituencies, which it identifies as 'weak' based on the results of the previous general election. At an event that marked the party's victory in three state polls, PM Modi reportedly told his senior party colleagues to aim at 35 crore votes in 2024 as against 22.9 crore polled in 2019.

Amid growing religious fervour with the scheduled consecration of Lord Ram's idol in Ayodhya on January 22, the BJP, along with its ideological mentor RSS and other Hindu outfits is all set to take the event to every household through a pan-India slew of activities. "The BJP will organize interactions involving the youth and leaders in every district about PM's vision for them. All seven 'morchas' (fronts) of the party have also started reaching out to the people," said a BJP functionary, adding that areas having minority populations are being covered by party office-bearers. The party's 'Agenda 2024' will have a special part for South India. The Kashi-Tamil Samagama, was a part of the strategy.

In North, the BJP will focus on winning the people's trust based on Modi's call that there are only four 'castes' for him — the poor, the youth, women and farmers.

PIXSTORY

ANOTHER VICTORY LAP 1

UNITY SHOW 2

CHIEF GUEST AT R-DAY 3

BRICS BARGAIN 4

(1) Prime Minister Narendra Modi with BJP chief JP Nadda after the party swept Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, setting the tone for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections; (2) INDIA bloc partners at the swearing-in of Siddaramiah government in Karnataka; (3) French President Emmanuel Macron to visit India as a chief guest on Republic Day; (4) BRICS 2024 in Russia will welcome Saudi Arabia into the grouping. | PTI

OPPOSITION BLOC

INDIA SAYS 'WE'RE READY' TO TAKE ON NDA

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

WITH its newly-coined slogan, 'We are ready', the grand-old party has set the ball in motion for the upcoming general election and has its task cut out for 2024.

However, the question is whether the party is battle-ready after suffering humiliating defeats in the Hindi heartland states of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Chhattisgarh in the recent Assembly polls. With hardly four months to reverse its fortunes before the Lok Sabha elections scheduled for April-May 2024, party leaders say they are ready for the challenges and have contingency plans.

At the current political juncture, the party hopes to draw a sense of purpose from Rahul Gandhi's proposed 'Bharat Nyay Yatra', to be flagged off from Manipur on January 14.

The party leaders point out that besides regional factors, Gandhi's first leg of Bharat Jodo Yatra considerably helped the party to clinch electoral successes in Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh.

Though the setback in the three heartland states flummoxed the central leadership, it showed some urgency by revamping the AICC secretariat, convening the CWC, and setting up a National Alliance Committee for alliance talks. But the actions lacked a coherent agenda or direction, says a leader.

"It was believed that the party would show signs of revival with a non-Gandhi as president. But the stagnation at the organisational level continues," says a leader, referring to Mallikarjun Kharge's leadership.

Except for the appointment of Sachin Pilot as the general secretary in Chhattisgarh, nothing significant was on offer, many say. While the BJP has experimented with fresh leadership in three states, the revamped AICC reflects Congress's resistance to inducting new and young leaders.

Many leaders are livid that the party is yet to devise a strategy for more than 200 Lok Sabha seats where it will be in direct contest with the BJP. Though senior leaders, including Sonia Gandhi and Rahul, have expressed disappointment over its recent drubbing in three states, very little has been done to revive the party ahead of 2024. Though OBC leader Jitu Patwari has replaced Madhya Pradesh's former CM Kamal Nath as the state unit chief, the rift in Rajasthan is yet to be addressed, and it will play out during Lok Sabha polls as well, says a senior leader.

Though Pilot has been moved out of Rajasthan, the party may see fresh trouble over the CLP leader as Ashok Gehlot and his former deputy are keen to push their candidates.

Seat sharing among INDIA allies will be another uphill task for Congress ahead of the polls. The 28 parties in the bloc account for less than 200 of 543 seats in the Lok Sabha.

AROUND THE WORLD

UNITED STATES

Biden, Trump, or someone else in race for White House?

The oldest democracy in the world goes into its 60th presidential elections. While Joe Biden, running for Democratic nomination , is said to be agitated with his campaign after his approval rating declined. Donald Trump expects to return as the POTUS; not get indicted. Meanwhile, wildcard Vivek Ramaswamy called out Bank of America for 'bias' towards 'Blacks'; ideal candidate?

UNITED KINGDOM

10 Downing St: 'The Queen is dead. God save the King'

The Kingdom just can't have enough Prime Ministers. After two of them have occupied the office without formal election, British parliament must dissolve before December 17, 2024. Rumours say the general election may be fast-tracked on 'public demand'. Opinions suggest the popularity of the Tories have particularly declined due to 'unfriendly' policies. But conservatives abound.

PAKISTAN

Polls on Feb 8 if all goes well in unstable neighbourhood

Pakistan, if all goes well, will witness general elections on February 8, to elect members of the 16th National Assembly. The detailed schedule was announced on December 15. The three major parties in the fray are: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, led by Gohar Ali Khan, Pakistan Muslim League (N), led by Nawaz Sharif and Pakistan Peoples Party, led by Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

RUSSIA

By how many votes will the Iron Man be back in Kremlin?

"The elections are yet to be held. Putin has won." A popular Russian joke went. Does the 'Iron Man' really face a challenge? We aren't sure. We have heard that there is discontent over the war across the border. We have heard of rebelling warlords, haven't heard of them again; the State has descended upon the Opposition, silenced critics. In Russia, its Putin vs who?

BANGLADESH

'Unelected government at Sangsad? Never again.'

As the 'Sangsad' dissolves, Bangladesh goes to general elections in a little over a week's time. Awami League chief and daughter of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Sheikh Hasina has held the seat of power since 2008. The principal opposition, BNP, demanded that the government hand over power to a neutral caretaker before the elections. Hasina showed them the door.

BHUTAN

Monarchy takes back seat in National Assembly?

Following the first round of the general election in the tapering end of the incumbent year, the People's Democratic Party and Bhutan Tendrel Party have advanced to round two to contest for the 47 National Assembly seats. Lotay Tshering, leader of Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa, resigned from the office on 1 November, 2023; his party failed to secure majority in round one.

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PM says mental, physical health key to 'vikas'

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday underscored the importance of mental and physical health and hailed the people's response to the 'Fit India' movement.

In the 108th episode of 'Mann ki Baat', while listing the country's achievements in various fields, including health, the PM said that India is brimming with self-confidence and moving towards becoming "Viksit Bharat" with self reliance in every sector.

Dwelling upon the importance of both physical and mental wellness, he said that since lifestyle-related diseases are on a rise, there is a need to become health conscious. He urged the people to heed the advice and experiences of well-known people. Several others, including actor Akshay Kumar, spoke on the issue. Asking people to lead a healthy lifestyle, he said that one should change their routine on the advice of doctors and not by aping film stars.

Urging the countrymen to resolve to maintain the momentum in 2024 as well, PM said, "Today, every corner of India is brimming with self-confidence, imbued with the spirit of a developed India; the spirit of self-reliance. We have to maintain the same spirit and momentum in 2024 as well".

Describing India's achievements as "achievements" of every Indian, he said "Whatever work we do, whatever decision we make, our first criterion should be what will the country get from it; what benefits it will bring to the country. 'Rashtra Pratham' - Nation First - there is no greater mantra than this".

On the success of 'vocal for local' mantra, he said record business on Diwali has proved that every Indian is giving importance to indigenous products. Recalling the moon mission, he said,"Even today people send messages pertaining to the success of Chandrayaan-3. I am sure you too feel proud of our scientists".

After Vinesh Phogat returns awards, Rahul takes a jibe at Modi on wrestlers' 'plight'

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

A day after top wrestler Vinesh Phogat returned her awards, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday launched a blistering attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying that the PM is the guardian of the nation and it hurts to see "such cruelty" on his part.

Gandhi visited wrestlers Bajrang Punia and others at Haryana's 'akhara' early in the week. Sharing a video of Phogat the Kartavya Path, Gandhi

wrote on X, "For every daughter of the country, self-respect comes first, any other medal or honor comes after that."

Gandhi also questioned, "If the 'price of 'political benefits' received from a 'proclaimed Bahubali' is more important than the tears of the brave daughters?". Gandhi was referring to Brij Bhushan Singh known as a 'bahubali' (muscleman leader) in Uttar Pradesh.

"The prime minister is the guardian of the nation, it hurts to see such cruelty on his part," said the former Congress chief.

One of the most decorated wrestlers in the country, Phogat left her Khel Ratna and Arjuna Awards lying on the footpath of Kartavya Path.

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Ahmedabad	28	17	Mumbai	30	22
Bhopal	28	14	Panaji	34	21
Jaipur	22	08	Patna	16	12
Amritsar	14	08	Lucknow	19	09
Chennai	31	21	Port Blair	31	25
Kolkata	25	16	Imphal	23	08
Srinagar	08	-2	Chandigarh	17	10

WELCOME'24

This newspaper takes a look at some of the major events this year

Gyanvapi verdict

The proceedings in Gyanvapi title dispute and Shree Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Idgah issue will shape the direction of socio-religio-political climate of the nation in the days to come. The field has been divided, the players are on the field; the commentators on the sideline have forgotten who the petitioners, instead simply choosing to refer to them as the 'Hindu side' and the 'Muslim side'. "Places of Worship Act, 1991..." "Religious character of the place not decided..." Lord Krishna has descended into our mortal world to sign his name upon the litigation moved before Allahabad High Court. Archaeological Survey of India is expected to have there work cut out for the year, 'no derth of mosques with temples beneath.'

Ram mandir

Ram Temple in Ayodhya will kickstart the year with a formal consecration of the idol of Lord Ram at the sancum sanctorum in the presence of PM Narendra Modi and 7000-odd dignitaries in January. Among them, 4,000 will be seers and saints from across the country. Apart from ending decades-long disputes, it will also add a new dimension to religious tourism of the country. Projects worth over ₹50,000 crore are at different stages of completion. They are intended to provide the temple town an international guise with a touch of ancient sensitivity. From today, the international airport and revamped railway station will be functional to welcome pilgrims and tourists, whose number is likely to go up with coming days, and especially after Januray 22.

Ringing in the Year

Youngsters with their hands painted in tricolour pose for photographs, as celebrations to welcome 2024 break out on the eve of the New Year on the streets across the country on Sunday

Mother of all elections

General elections are expected in India between April and May 2024 to elect 543 members of the Lok Sabha. The tenure of the 17th LS is scheduled to end on June 16, 2024. There are six national parties – BJP, Congress, CPI(M), Bahujan Samaj Party, National People's Party and Aam Aadmi Party -- with all except the BSP being a part of one of the alliances. India has 94.50 crore voters as of last year, the number is a nearly 6-fold increase in voters since 1951. In 1951, when the voter lists for the first general elections were prepared, India had 17.32 crore registered electors and 45.67% had turned up to exercise their franchise in the newly-born republic. Amid talks of taking the voter turnout to 75%, the Election Commission has flagged the issue of the 30 crore voters who did not turn up at the polling booths in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. People from urban areas, youths and migrants are part of the category of these 30 crore 'missing' voters. In 2019 polls, BJP received 37.36% of the vote, the highest vote share by a political party since the 1989 general election, and won 303 seats, further increasing its substantial majority. The Congress won 52 seats, failing to get 10% needed to claim the post of leader of the Opposition. The Congress-led UPA won 91 seats, other parties won 98.

Vibrant Gujarat

The 10th edition of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit will be held on January 10. The "Gateway to the Future" brings together global leaders, policymakers, and industry leaders to discuss the potential for sustainable development, economic growth and international ties. The first edition of the meet was conceptualised by Prime Minister Modij

BUZZ OVER CM MOVE

Bihar Speaker meets Lalu amid political turmoil

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

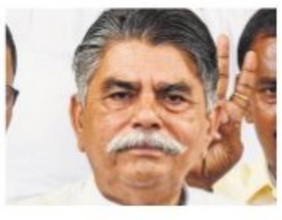
BIHAR assembly Speaker Awadh Bihari Choudhary on Sunday called on RJD chief Lalu Prasad at his residence in the state capital. Although it was not known what transpired in the meeting, the timing of it created a flutter in political circles. Choudhary left the official residence of former chief minister Rabri Devi, 10, Circular Road without interacting with the media.

The Choudhary-Lalu meeting lasted more than half an hour. Lalu was accompanied by his son and state environment minister Tej Pratap Yadav. The meeting comes at a time when clouds of uncertainty hover over Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar's next move after re-assuming the post of JD (U) president in Delhi last Friday. State law minister Shamim Ahmed and former minister Shyam Bihari Prasad met RJD chief separately.

The development comes two days after Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh resigned from the post of Janata Dal-U president's post at the national executive committee meeting held in Delhi on December 29.

Nitish helms his party for the third time. In 2016, Nitish became the party president after replacing Sharad Yadav. In 2013, he broke ranks with the NDA after 17 years following the projection of Narendra Modi as the prime ministerial candidate. Nitish harboured prime ministerial ambition and took offence when the BJP nominated Modi for the top post. He became CM once again after he allied with RJD in 2015.

He later walked out of RJD-led grand alliance in 2017. In 2022, he again snapped ties with the BJP alleging that BJP was conspiring against him and trying to influence JD(U) MLAs to rebel against him. Meanwhile, Union minister Giriraj Singh claimed that Nitish would not be able to hold the post of CM for long as Lalu has intensified his pressure on him to relinquish the post and make his son and deputy chief minister Tejashwi Yadav the new CM. Giriraj told newspersons in Begusarai (his Lok Sabha constituency) that Nitish somehow saved his party by becoming JD (U) president again but he had fallen into the trap of Lalu.



Nitish to launch Jan Jagran Yatra

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar will launch a Jan Jagaran Yatra from Jharkhand on January 21, focusing on highlighting the state's recently-published caste-based survey report. Besides Jharkhand, Nitish will speak at a similar yatra in UP and Rohtak in Haryana as part of the first phase of campaign.

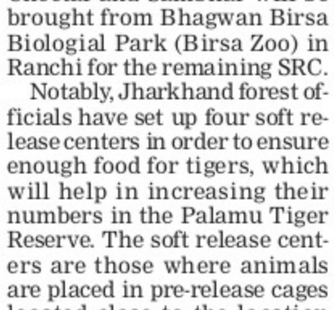
RAJASTHAN

Setback to Raje as loyalists fail to make it to new cabinet

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

A day after BJP's Bhajan Lal Sharma formed his cabinet, it became clear that the party leadership had taken a tough approach towards former CM Vasundhara Raje. The party has chosen 20 out of 25 MLAs who are serving as ministers for the first time, with five ministers assuming the MLA role for the first time.

Experts say that only three aligned with Raje have made it to the cabinet. They are Gajendra Singh Khinvsar, Otaram Dewasi, and Surendra Pal Singh TT. The cabinet formation took place four weeks after the BJP government took office in the state. Sources say the key reason for the delay was Raje's attempt to secure the CM's position with a candidate of her camp. She was also in talks with the party leadership to secure cabinet berths for her trusted MLAs. The final team



selection has dealt a significant blow to Raje's aspirations.

While Kirodilal Meena and Madan Dilawar, who were part of the Bhajanlal cabinet, served as ministers in Vasundhara's initial government, their relationship with Raje soured, leading her to exclude them from her second term.

Senior leaders closely associated with Raje, such as Kalicharan Saraf, Ajay Singh Kilak, Pratap Singh Singhvi, Anita Bhadel, and Dr Jaswant Singh, were not given ministerial berths. The leadership didn't include Jogeshwar Garg, Pushpendra Singh Ranaut, and Srichand Kripalani in the cabinet, underscoring the BJP's commitment to nurturing new leadership in the state.

Clearly, the inductees to Sharma's council of ministers reflect a very limited number of members who can be included among loyalists of former CM Vasundhara Raje who has been systematically sidelined by the BJP top brass in the past five years. The BJP overlooked Raje's claims while choosing the CM candidate in the state. The former CM was reportedly lobbying for the inclusion of several of her supporters in the new Bhajan Lal ministry.

Out of 30 ministerial posts, 25 have been filled and the rest can join later. Though reports suggest that some of the Raje loyalist MLAs may find a place in the future cabinet expansion, most are chosen as ministers come from RSS camp.

WEST BENGAL

Nandini Chakrabarty, JNU alumni, becomes second woman home secy of Bengal

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

THE Mamata Banerjee government on Sunday appointed Nandini Chakrabarty as the second woman home secretary in the history of West Bengal's bureaucracy.

Lina Chakrabarty was the first woman home secretary of the state and she served from 1996 to 1998.

Before she was appointed as the second-in-command in the hierarchy of state's bureaucracy, the 1994-IAS officer's career went through peaks and valleys since the change of guard in the state in 2011.

Nandini Chakrabarty, a JNU alumni, joined the civil service during the Left Front government and she became one of the favourite bureaucrat of Mamata Banerjee after the Trinamool came to power in 2011. She was appointed as the managing director of industrial development corporation and director of the information and cultural affairs department as well.

"In an incident in 2012, the CM was unhappy with Nandini. In the middle of an event where Nandini was sharing stage with the CM, she informed her that she would not able to be present in next day's programme organised by the state government in Burdwan district. The CM got angry and Nandini was transferred as the secretary of state gazetteer department, a less important wing," said a senior bureaucrat.

Chakrabarty served as the tourism secretary. She then became principal secretary of the governor but was relieved of her duties in February when CV Anand Bose decided to set up a new team.

J'khand's soft release centres set to get 200 Cheetal this month

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

While the Palamu Tiger Reserve (PTR) has started counting tigers, the Soft Release Centers (SRC) set up to increase prey base for the big cats, will soon get 200 cheetal for the first time from Betla National Park in January this year.

According to officials, these 200 cheetal will be shifted to three different soft release centers, while another lot of 300 Cheetal and Sambhar will be brought from Bhagwan Birsa Biologial Park (Birsa Zoo) in Ranchi for the remaining SRC.

Notably, Jharkhand forest officials have set up four soft release centers in order to ensure enough food for tigers, which will help in increasing their numbers in the Palamu Tiger Reserve. The soft release centers are those where animals are placed in pre-release cages located close to the location

where they will be released.

The PTR Director also informed that they will be shifting 200 cheetal from Betla National Park in the second week of January next year. "Construction of soft release centers has already been completed and we are expecting that three of them will be filled up with 200 cheetal by January next year. The remaining one soft release center will be filled up with 300 more Cheetal and Sambhar shifted from Bhagwan Birsa Biologial Park in Ranchi, requisition for which, has already been sent to the Central Zoo Authority," said Ashutosh.

A special container with all modern facilities like -- air-condition, drinking water and padded outer-wall for protection of animals, is being prepared at Jabalpur, he added. Meanwhile the PTR officials informed that another tiger, fourth this year, was spotted in PTR recently but it is yet to be confirmed.

The PTR officials have also sent the pugmark, scat and the photographs captured in the camera trap to Wildlife Institute in Dehradun.

Belgorod revenge: Russia hits military facilities in Ukraine

KYIV

RUSSIA launched a fresh drone assault on Ukraine on Saturday night, after promising that strikes on the Russian border city of Belgorod earlier in the day "would not go unpunished." The Ukrainian Air Force said on Sunday that it had shot down 21 of 49 drones launched by Russian forces overnight.

It said the "Shahed" drones were particularly targeted at "the front line of defence, as well as at civilian, military and infrastructure facilities in the front-line territories." Six guided missiles had also targeted Kharkiv.

Twenty-eight people were wounded in an attack on Kharkiv, regional Gov. Oleh Syniehubov said on Sunday. A central hotel, apartment buildings, kindergarten, shops and administrative buildings sustained damage, according to the regional prosecutor's office.

Russia's Defence Ministry said that it had hit "decision-making centres and military facilities" in Kharkiv, reporting that its strike on the Kharkiv Palace Hotel had "destroyed representatives of the Main Intelligence Directorate and Ukrainian Armed Forces" involved in the "terrorist attack" in Belgorod.

Ukrainian Interior Minister Ihor Klymenko said that a British journalist was among the wounded, while German broadcaster *ZDF* said on Sunday that one of its television crews had been in the hotel. A Ukrainian translator was hit by debris and seriously wounded, with one of the team's security guards also sustaining injuries, *ZDF* said. "This is another attack by Russia on the free press," said *ZDF* editor-in-chief Bettina Schausten.

In Kyiv, a Russian drone attack caused a fire to break out at a critical infrastructure facility, local officials said. They did not identify the facility further.

Shelling in the centre of the Russian border city of Belgorod on Saturday killed 24 people, including three children. A further 108 people were wounded in the strike, regional governor Vyacheslav Gladkov said on Sunday, making it one of the deadliest attacks in Russia.

Russia's Defence Ministry said it identified the ammunition used in the strike as Czech-made Vampire rockets and Olkha missiles fitted with cluster-munition warheads. It provided no additional information. *Agencies*

The ruined lobby of Kharkiv Palace Hotel after Russia's missile attack in Kharkiv, Ukraine on Sunday | AP

US Navy sinks three boats of Houthi rebels

Centcom terms it self defence; several insurgents killed in firing by Navy helicopters; one boat manages to flee

BEIRUT

THE US military said on Sunday that its forces opened fire on Houthi rebels after they attacked a cargo ship in the Red Sea, killing several of them.

The US Central Command (Centcom) said the crew of the USS Gravely destroyer first shot down two anti-ship ballistic missiles fired at the Singapore-flagged Maersk Hangzhou late on Saturday, after the vessel reported getting hit by a missile earlier that evening as it sailed through the Southern Red Sea.

Four small boats then attacked the same cargo ship with small arms fire early Sunday and rebels tried to board the vessel, the US Navy said.

Next, the USS Gravely and helicopters from the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower aircraft carrier responded to the Maersk Hangzhou's distress call and issued verbal warnings to the attackers, who responded by firing on the helicopters.

"The US Navy helicopters returned fire in self-defence," sinking three of the four boats and killing the people on board while the fourth boat fled the area, the US Central Command said. No damage to US personnel or any equipment was reported.

US Navy Vice Adm. Brad Cooper | AP

The Houthis acknowledged that 10 of their fighters were killed in the confrontation and warned of consequences.

The Denmark-based shipping giant Maersk, owner of Maersk Hangzhou, said on Sunday that it would suspend shipping through the Red Sea again after the two attacks on its freighter.

"In light of the (most recent) incident—and to give time to investigate the details of the incident and assess the security situation further—it has been decided that all transits through the area will be postponed for the next 48 hours," Maersk was quoted as saying by the Danish public broadcaster *DR*.

The events surrounding the Maersk Hangzhou represented the 23rd illegal attack by the Houthis on international shipping since November 19, the Central Command said. It was the first time the US Navy said its personnel had killed Houthi fighters since the Red Sea attacks started.

For over a month, Houthis have claimed attacks on ships in the Red Sea that they say are either linked to Israel or heading to Israeli ports. *AP*

In New Year message, Xi praises China's economy as more resilient

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping said on Sunday that China's economy has become "more resilient and dynamic than before" as he vowed to strengthen the momentum of economic recovery.

"We have gone through the test of winds and rains, have seen beautiful scenes unfolding on the way, and have made plenty of real achievements. We will remember this year as one of hard work and perseverance. Going forward, we have full confidence in the future," Xi said in New Year message.

Xi said that as China achieved a smooth transition in Covid-19 response efforts, its economy has sustained the momentum of recovery, and steady progress has been made in pursuing high-quality development in the outgoing year, *Xinhua* news agency reported. "Having weathered the storm, the Chinese economy is more resilient and dynamic than before," he said.

Noting that next year will mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, he said his government will steadfastly advance Chinese modernisation, fully and faithfully apply the new development philosophy on all fronts, speed up building the new development paradigm, promote high-quality development, and both pursue development and safeguard security. *PTI*

TALKS ON HK AND MACAO

Xi also said China will continue to support Hong Kong and Macao. "China will be reunified, and all Chinese on both sides of the Taiwan Strait should be bound by a common sense of purpose and share in the glory of rejuvenation of Chinese nation," he added.

EXPRESS READ

1.89 lakh policemen deployed across B'desh

Dhaka: Bangladesh has deployed more than 1.89 lakh policemen to ensure law and order ahead of the January 7 general election being boycotted by the main opposition BNP, media reports said on Sunday. Presently, the country's police force has around 2.13 lakh personnel, including civil staff, *The Daily Star* newspaper reported.

Taliban say forces killed dozens of Tajiks

Islamabad: Security forces in Afghanistan killed a number of Tajik and Pakistani nationals and arrested scores others involved in attacks against religious clerics, the public, and mosques. Mohammad Yaqoob Mujahid, Taliban's appointed defence minister said dozens of Tajiks and over 20 Pakistanis were killed in past 12 months "in operations by security forces."

Kim vows to launch three spy satellites in 2024

SEOUL

NORTH Korean leader Kim Jong Un vowed to launch three military spy satellites, produce more nuclear materials and introduce attack drones in 2024, as he called for "overwhelming" war readiness to cope with US-led confrontational moves.

He set forth plans to launch three more military spy satellites next year in addition to the country's first reconnaissance satellite launched in November. He underscored the need to establish "a reliable foundation" to build more nuclear weapons. Kim also ordered authorities to enhance submarine capabilities and develop various types of unmanned combat equipment such as armed drones.

Kim said "vicious" anti-North Korea moves by the US and its followers "have reached the extremes unprecedented in history," pushing the Korean Peninsula to the brink of a nuclear war, according to *KCNA*.

Kim cited the expansion of US-South Korean military exercises and the temporary deployment of powerful US military assets such as bombers and a nuclear-armed submarine in South Korea. Kim called for "the overwhelming war response capability" to deter potential enemy provocations.

Kim also maintained North Korea must solidify cooperation with "anti-imperialist, independent" countries. *AP*

SUNAK KEEN TO CLINCH FTA WITH INDIA BY APRIL

UK PM Rishi Sunak is keen to clinch a free trade agreement (FTA) with India in time for Easter, which falls at the end of March 2024. "Prime Minister Mr Sunak and India's premier Narendra Modi are said to be keen to get the deal wrapped up by April," reads a report in the Daily Express updated on Saturday. "It is hoped a deal can be signed and sealed before India's general elections begin on April 1." The newspaper quoted a source close to the trade talks on the UK side to say that a lot of progress has been made, but some of the 'hardest' aspects remain pending. UK hopes FTA will open up its trade in Scotch whisky and cars to India, and services and investment opportunities. PTI

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TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 25/23-24 DT: 01.01.2024
(Through e- procurement Portal only)

Tender is invited by "The Dy.General Manager (Materials)" for the procurement of following items from reputed manufacturers/ authorized dealers as detailed below.

Sl No	Description	Approx value Rs. in Crores	EMD in Rs.
1	**Supply Of Sodium Cyanide Nacn 98 Percent Min Purity. HGML/2023-24/IND0147**	9.65	14,48,000/-
2	**Comprehensive, operation, maintenance and security contract for 4.8 MW(0.6MW X 8 No's) WTG of vestas RRB make. HGML/2023-24/SE0014.**	2.06	3,10,000/-
3	**Slope stabilization of New Tailing Dump at Hutti Gold Mine, Hutti. HGML/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT64.**	1.81	2,72,000/-

Calendar of Events:
(1) Pre-Bid Meetings (Zoom):**16.01.2024 for Sl.No.1 at 10.30 A.M. & Sl.No.2 at 11.00 A.M. and Sl.No.3 at 11.30 A.M. (2)** Last date for receipt of tender: **01.02.2024 at 4.00 P.M. (3)** Opening of Technical Bid on: **03.02.2024 at 10.00 A.M.** For further details interested bidders are advised to log on to website **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of undersigned during working hours. For participating in the above tender bidder needs to be registered in e-procurement portal.

Sd/- General Manager (Tech)
LEADING GOLD PRODUCER IN INDIA

REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED
Repco Home Finance
ARB BANGALORE BRANCH: No.109, First floor, A Wing Mittal Tower,M.G.Road, Bengaluru-560001

E - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Sale of Immovable Properties Mortgaged to Repco Home Finance Ltd. Under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas **Borrower: Mrs.V.Rajalakshmi,** W/o, R. Muniraju, **Co-Borrower: Mr.R.Muniraju,** S/o, Ramaiah, have borrowed money from **Repco Home Finance Limited, Bangalore Branch** (Now the account transferred to ARB Bangalore) against the mortgage of the immovable property more fully described in the schedule hereunder, the company has issued a **Demand Notice** under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 on **08-05-2018** calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being vide **Loan Account No.2581860000270** being **Rs.47,09,839/-** on **08-05-2018** together with further interest, costs and expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

Whereas the borrower & co-borrowers having failed to pay the amount due to the Company as called for in the said demand notice, the Company has taken possession of the secured asset more fully described in the schedule hereunder on **07-05-2019** under Section 13 (4) of the Act.

Whereas the borrowers having failed to pay the dues in full, the secured creditor, Repco Home Finance Limited has decided to sell the under mentioned secured asset in **"As is where is condition"** and **"As is what is condition"** under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 for realization of the debts dues to the company. The dues of the borrower being vide **Loan Account No.2581860000270** being **Rs.93,24,534/-** as on **07-12-2023.**

DATE AND TIME OF E - AUCTION: 30-01-2024, Time: 11.00 a.m - 12.00 p.m.
(with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)
Last Date & Time for submitting E-Tenders : 29-01-2024 at 4.00 p.m.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No. 13, Khatha No. 103, formed out of Dasanapura Village, Assessment Old No. 103, New No. 103/1, situated at Dasanapura Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Measuring East to West 80 ft, North to South 60 ft totally measuring 4800 Sq.ft., and building constructed thereon and **Bounded on:- East by :** Road, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Others Property, **South by :** Site No. 12.

RESERVE PRICE: Rs.1,80,71,000/-; EMD (10% of Reserve Price): Rs.18,07,100/- ; Minimum Bid Increment Amount : Rs.1,50,000/-

For E-Auction procedure, please contact 4Closure, Mr.U.Subbarao & Mr.M.Dinesh- 81420 00735, 81420 00061.

For inspection of the property the intending bidders may contact the Branch Head, Repco Home Finance Limited, ARB Bangalore Branch, on all working days between 10 A.M to 5 P.M. Contact Nos.080-41233109, 98868-78838.

Date: 15-12-2023
Authorised Officer, Repco Home Finance Limited

DOCUMENT LOST

B.R. Jadhav S/o L.Subboji Rao, 40/201 Raghavendra Residency, 17th Cross, 12th Main, 5th Phase, J.P. Nagara, Bangalore - 560078.

He lost original Sale Deeds and Gift Deeds, the registration no BNG(U)-KNGR/15959/2006-07, Sale Deed No: BNG(U)-KNGR/15875/2006-07, TRK-102647-2006-07, while shifting my Home from Nagarabhavi to Jaya Nagara, if somebody get the original deeds deliver same to address below.

B.R. Jadhav S/o L. Subboji Rao, 40/201, Raghavendra Residency, 17th Cross, 12th Main, 5th Phase, J.P. Nagara, Bangalore -560078. Mobile : 9341245297.

Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited
(CIN:U40107KA2015PLC079223)
No.6/13/1, KREDL Building, 5th Floor, 10th Block, Nagarabhavi, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 072
No. KSPDCL/F-230/2023-24/1133 Date: 30.12.2023

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited hereby invites bids for **Design, Supply, installation, Commissioning and maintenance for a period of 5 years of grid connected Rooftop Solar PV Power Plant of 5KWP at 3 centers of Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya.** Bid documents will be available in the Karnataka Public Procurement portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) on or after 02.01.2024.**

Note: KSPDCL reserves the right to annul the bidding process and invite fresh bids without liability or obligation for such invitation and without assigning any reasons.

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, KSPDCL

PUBLIC NOTICE

The notice is hereby given to public that our client Sri.Siddarudha is intending to purchase the schedule property and avail loan from Priamal Capital and Housing Finance Limited.
If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within seven days from today, along with relevant documents, failing which it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my client and would not be considered by my client.

SCHEDULE :
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Vacant Site No.48, in converted Sy No.49/2A, Khaneshumari No.1656/ 839/ 48, TMC Bidadi, Ward No.09, Sitituated at Bidadi Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District, measuring East to West:40ft, North to South: 15ft, in all measuring 600sqft, and bounded on the: East by Deepak Film Theator, West by Road, North by Site no.48 sold to Subramanya Shetty, South by Site No.49.

V.L. Associates
Advocates
No.56, Out House, 19th Main Road, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010.
Ph:9481900851/ 9743323668.
Place: Bangalore Date: 30.12.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sale Deed dated: 28/11/1990, registered on 30.11.1990, registered as document No.4365/1990-91, in Book-I, registered before the office of the Sub-Registrar, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore, HASB katha, Tax Paid Receipts, BBMP Katha and Receipts property belonging into **Mrs. SAPTHALA REDDY @ SAPTHALA VINOD @ VEDRA SAPTHALA** wife of Sri. Venu Vinod Presently Residing at Plot No.1056, H No. 8-2-293/82/A, Road No.52, Jublee Hills, Saikpet, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500 033, presently camping at Bangalore, in respect of **Site No.83, Present BBMP Katha No.448/532/315/3-B,** Old HASB Katha No.315/3, situated at **KAGGADASAPURA VILLAGE**, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, presently under the jurisdiction of **BBMP, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet,** totally measuring **1500 Sq. feet,** with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the;

East by : Road; West by : Govt Land; North by : Property/Site No.82; South by : Property/Site No.84;

The above said original sale deed has been lost. If any body find the same please kindly return the document to the below address:

S. MURTHY,
SURIYA LAW ASSOCIATES, Advocates, No.303, Motati Meadows, Nagavarapalya, Old Madras Road, Bangalore-560093.
Mob : 9845087191

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Clients intend to purchase the Schedule Property from its (1) Owner Mr. C.M. Channappa, S/o. Chikkamuniarasappa, residing at Avalahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560049, (2) Developer M/s. A-One Shelters Pvt. Ltd., having its office at B3, Ahuja Palace, Richmond Road, Bengaluru-560025, (3) Agreement Holders (i) Mr. Prakash M. Kanal S/o Mulchand G. Kanal and (ii) Mrs. Usha Prakash Kanal W/o Prakash M. Kanal, both residing at Flat No.33, Seagull, Carmichael Road, Mumbai - 400026.

Any person/s asserting any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the Schedule Property or documents thereof or objecting to such sale in favour of our Clients, should write to the undersigned within **Fifteen (15) days** of issuance of this Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regards to the Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period our Clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment unit bearing No. B 501, in the building called 'OHANA', measuring 1640 Sq. Ft. super built up area, along with one car parking and 464.76 Sq. Ft. of Undivided share in (i) Survey No.18/1 of Battarahalli Village measuring 14 Guntas, (ii) Survey Nos. 79/1A, 81/1A and 79/2 of Medahalli Village, measuring 1 Acre 01 Guntas, 34 Guntas and 1 Acre 27 Guntas respectively, all in Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, and all collectively bounded on the :

East by : Private Property and Medahalli Village Boundary ;
West by : Survey No.81/1B, 79/1B, 18/2 and Battarahalli Village ;
North by : Bangalore - Old Madras Road ;
South by : Seegehalli Village Boundary and Kodihalla.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (for Immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Chief Manager & the Authorised officer of the **CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, RAJAJINGAR BRANCH,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) and 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated **12.05.2023** calling upon the **Borrowers : Mrs. Jayamma (Borrower) W/o Late Linganna,** No.45, Present Municipal No.7/7, 6th Cross, 3rd Main Road, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Mariyappa Palya, Kempapura Agrahara, Bangalore, **Mr. Nagesh (Co-Borrower)** S/o Late Linganna, No.45, Present Municipal No.7/7, 6th Cross, 3rd Main Road, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Mariyappa Palya, Kempapura Agrahara, Bangalore, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.4,07,095/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Seven Thousand Ninety Five Only)** as on **12.05.2023** plus interest and charges thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of Powers conferred on him/her under sub section 4 of Section 13 of the act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules, 2002 on this **28th day of December 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the schedule property and any one dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the **CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA,** for an amount **Rs.4,07,095/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Seven Thousand Ninety Five Only)** (which represents the principal plus interest due to the **12.05.2023),** plus interest and Charges from **12.05.2023.**

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section (13) of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE-C

(Detailed description of the secured asset/Morgager Property/Hypothecated Goods)

All that the piece and parcel of the house property bearing No.45, Present Municipal No.7/7,Situated at 6th Cross, 3rd Main Road, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Mariyappanapalya, Kempapura Agrahara BBMP Ward No.31, Binnypet PID No. 31-33-7/7, Bengaluru, Measuring East to West : 15 ft and North to South : 40 ft, Bounded on: East by : Property bearing No.46 (Property No. 7/6), West by : Property belongs to Narayana Rao (Property No.7/9), North by : 20 feet wide road, South by : Private property.

Date: 28.12.2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager**
Place : Bangalore **Central Bank of India**

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The Piramal Capital and Housing Finacne Ltd (formerly known as Dewan Housing and finance corporation Ltd) have assigned a pool of Loan (including below mentioned Loans) together with underlying security interest created therefor along with all the rights, title and interest thereon under Section 5 (1) (b) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI ACT") vide an assignment agreement dated March 29, 2023 ("the Assignment Agreement") in favour of JMFARC (JM) (herein reffered as Assingee). The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of (JM) assignee. Under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Nnotice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to JM, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to JM by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. 03200005210 of Salem Branch) Mani Nallathambi (Borrower) Sudhandira Kalyani M (Co Borrower 1) Priyadarshan M (Co Borrower 2)	28-11-2023 /₹ 1251604/-(₹ Twelve lakh Fifty One Thousand Six Hundred Four Rupees) NPA (01-04-2021)	New Sf.no:132/20,32/1b1a,old Sf.no:32/1b Door No : 1/307 Kootakoundam Patty Salem Salem Tamil Nadu :- 636011
(LC No. 03300004141 of Thirunelveli Branch) Maharaja M (Borrower) Saratha M (Co Borrower 1)	28-11-2023 /₹ 685351/-(₹ Six lakh Eighty Five Thousand Three Hundred Fifty One Rupees) NPA (12-11-2021)	Door No 1/207-3, S No : 240/9b2 Main Road Kattalankulam Village Tuticorin District Tirunelveli Tamil Nadu :- 628102
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VOICES

S NAREN, ED and CIO, ICICI Prudential AMC

The investment landscape in the year ahead appears promising. Large, mid and small segments appear expensive compared to their historical valuation. However, on a relative basis, large-cap stocks seem to be better positioned.

MANISH KOTHARI, Kotak Mahindra Bank

I would expect bank deposit rates to remain at present levels for some time to come before heading lower, that too marginally. Deposit rates have a direct correlation to prevailing interest rates in the market and liquidity.

MAYANK KUMAR, Co-founder and MD, upGrad

Upskilling and lifelong learning segments received its due credit in 2023. Also, it was the year when emerging tech took the front seat and Digital, Green domains were highlighted, thus creating a wider demandfor skilled talent.

SUMIT GUPTA, Co-founder, CoinDCX

In 2024, Indian crypto exchanges are poised for a game-changing year. India needs regulatory support. With further modifications in taxation and a reduction of TDS to 0.01%, India can gain substantial economic benefits.

SHASHVAT NAKRANI, Founder & COO, BharatPe

Some of the key trends that will shape the fintech landscape in 2024 include deeper penetration of digital payments in Tier 2, 3 and 4 towns and cities, evolution of consumer commerce and embedded finance models.

DHIRAJ RELLI, MD & CEO at HDFC Securities

In 2024, equity markets are beginning on a high base and hence it may be difficult to expect a 2023 kind of performance by the time 2024 ends. The resurgence of FPI buying, placement of India as an attractive market may help our markets.

MARKET OUTLOOK: SENSEX, NIFTY MAY GAIN 15% IN 2024

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

INDIA'S benchmark indices (BSE Sensex and Nifty) may touch new milestones in the calendar year 2024 after making double-digit gains in CY2023. According to market analysts and brokerage firms, strong corporate growth earning outlook and increased foreign institutional investors (FII) participants may push Sensex well above the 80,000 mark and Nifty has all the possibility to hit the 25,000 level.

Gaining about 20% each, Sensex closed 2023 at 72,240 while the 50-share pack Nifty signed off at 21,731.

Domestic brokerage firm ICICIdirect believes that the two benchmarks are eyeing a potential upside of 15% from the current levels. It anticipates the Nifty 50 to claim the 25,000 mark by the end of 2024 and the Sensex target is set at 83,250.

"As we embark on 2024, there are greenshoots in the form of continued corporate earnings momentum domestically, healthy GDP growth, benign commodity prices outlook as well as likely rate cut globally. Thus, there seems to be more positives than negatives ahead. Amidst this setup, India is in a sweet spot vis-a-vis global peers with macroeconomic stability and corporate earnings in sight," ICICIdirect said in its 2024 outlook note.

The brokerage said that corporate earnings recovery has been healthy in the recent past with Nifty earnings growing at 22% compound annual growth rate (CAGR) over FY20-23. ''Going forward, introducing FY26E, we expect Nifty earnings to grow at a CAGR of 16.3% over FY23-26... Our December 2024 target for Nifty is set at 25,000 wherein we have valued Nifty at 20x PE on FY26E EPS of ₹1,250/share with corresponding Sensex target set as 83,250; offering a potential upside of 15% from current index levels,'' said ICICIdirect. The net FII inflow in the Indian market in 2023 stands at nearly $17 billion while rest of the emerging markets have seen nominal flows.

Besides the corporate earnings forecast, the market is likely to benefit from interest rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve. The market is also optimistic about the outcome of the 2024 general election following a clean sweep by PM Modi-led BJP in three state elections. However, the key risks for the markets in CY2024 remain global growth slowdown, escalated Geopolitical tensions and negative surprise from Covid erupting once again. Few analysts also believe a correction in midcap and small-cap stocks is inevitable as a large of these stocks are overvalued.

Brokerages bullish on Indian market

Analysts at Standard Chartered also remain bullish on the Indian market and have upgraded Indian equities to Overweight. "India's strong domestic growth momentum, up trending earnings cycle and robust fund inflows are likely to off-set above average valuation premiums," Standard Chartered said.

Gold hinges on US economic performance

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @Chennai

GOLD price outlook for 2024 hinges on whether the US economy is pulling a soft landing, easing global macroeconomic situation and the possibility of a simmering conflict in the Middle East emerging as a wider conflict. "While the Fed steering the US economy to a safe landing is a possibility, it is a rarity and a global recession is still on the cards. This should encourage many investors to hold gold as a hedge in their portfolio," according to the world gold council report.

A soft-landing environment is not attractive for gold, resulting in flat to slightly negative growth as gold is considered a hedge against economic uncertainties. Gold spot prices rose after October 6 from $1,819 per ounce and currently stands at $2062 an ounce as on December 30, 2023. It stood at $1,813.8 on December 29, 2022. On the domestic front, 22 carat gold prices in Bengaluru are at ₹ 58,550, ₹59,100 at Chennai, ₹58,700 at Delhi. Economic expansion, risk and uncertainty are positive factors for gold prices. "All in all, gold can be a useful asset to hold in 2024. As interest rates peak and timing and extent of rate cuts remain uncertain, it can provide opportunity for markets to speculate, creating volatility across asset markets, including gold," says Chirag Mehta, Chief Investment Officer, Quantum AMC.

According to Mehta, markets can oscillate between optimism and pessimism creating wild short-lived swings in gold prices on either side. So, he suggests investors to use these swings wisely to build your allocation to gold.

NEW YEAR PREDICTIONS

Rupee to move towards 82 by March

The rupee is expected to move toward 82 by March, supported by positive balance of payments in Q4FY24, dollar weakness persisting with mkt expectations.

Oil prices to stay near $80 in 2024

International oil prices are likely to stay near $80 a barrel in 2024, as analysts say weak global growth would cap demand, while geopolitical tensions could provide support.

Bitcoin price may surge $80k level

The AI algorithms employed by the crypto analytics and monitoring platform CoinCodex indicate Bitcoin could trade around $80,000 levels by 31 December 2024.

Tesla might set up first factory in India

After much wrangling, and dilly dallying, Tesla could set up its manufacturing facility in India. There are strong rumours that Elon Musk-owned EV manufacturer may set up a plant in Gujarat.

National AI Mission to help startups

The Union govt hopes to build what is called sovereign AI, planning to launch Artificial intelligence Mission and building shared infrastructure like the UPI model.

JOB MARKET

With AI in focus, hiring landscape set for growth in 2024

UMA KANNAN @Bengaluru

THE country's hiring landscape is set for growth despite many challenges it faced in 2023. From BFSI, ecommerce, consulting to healthcare and analytics and data, many sectors show a significant hiring intent in 2024. Akshay Munjal, Founder and CEO, Hero Vired said, despite various challenges in the job market, the Shine Talent Insights Report projects a favourable market for Indian job seekers in the coming quarter, with seven out of ten IT companies in India expressing intent to expand their workforce in the coming year.

India's hiring landscape is projected to expand by 8% in 2024, with evident growth already apparent in sectors like Manufacturing, BFSI, Automotive, Retail, and Travel & Tourism. While 2023 witnessed a dip in e-recruitment activity, the last quarter hinted at a marginal yet positive hiring trend, said Sekhar Garisa, CEO, foundit (formerly Monster APAC & ME).

Experts say though top IT companies are on hiring freeze, they will give preference to skill-based hiring such as AI/ML, cloud computing, cyber security and DevOps roles. "Campus hiring is currently down to 15%, with a 25% overall decline predicted in 2024. 2023 has been a dull year due to an economic slowdown which has reduced attrition, but it has also stalled headcount growth in the sector. Additionally, a slowdown in overall increment has influenced hiring dynamics in the IT industry," said Anshuman Das, CEO and Co-Founder, Careernet.

FD, BONDS

Fixed deposit rates may stay stable; bond yields likely to fall

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WHAT lies ahead for fixed income investors in 2024? There's a sense of certainty that Central banks globally, especially the US Fed, has softened its tone and is likely getting ready for a rate cut in the Calendar Year. While back home, the RBI continues to be vigilant on inflation risk but falling core inflation has already lowered the inflation risk premium on bond yields. Pankaj Pathak, fund manager, fixed income, Quantum AMC, says, "Falling core inflation should lower the inflation risk premium on bonds by reducing the yield spread on government bonds over the policy repo rate. This in turn can bring down the bond yields even without a rate cut by the RBI. Any increase in the rate cut probabilities would further intensify the downward trend in bond yields." This could have a downward impact on bank FD rates as well.

However, since RBI has made it clear that it is not lowering its guard in the fight against inflation, it is likely that FD rates may remain at the current levels before seeing a marginal drop. According to Manish Kothari, president and head, Commercial Banking, Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd, bank deposit rates may remain at present levels for some time to come before heading lower, that too maybe marginally. It must be noted that the weighted average domestic term deposit rate (WADTDR) on fresh rupee term deposits of SCBs moved to 6.34% in November 2023 from 6.31% in October 2023. For outstanding rupee term deposits, it stood at 6.78% in November 2023 as against 6.75% in October 2023.

REAL ESTATE

Demand to remain steady in 2024; price to rise in double digit

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

INDIA'S real estate market is expected to remain steady in 2024 even as property price is expected to rise in a low double-digit figure. According to market experts, an expected fall in housing interest rates and an increasing appetite for high-net-worth individuals (HNIs) to diversify in different asset classes will continue to support the robust demand.

"A recovery in property prices and rise in yields has made investment in residential properties attractive yet again and has been responsible for continued demand in the sector," said Ramani Sastri, Chairman and MD, Sterling Developers. "The long-term benefits of owning a home have led to sustainable growth in the segment and we see this up-cycle continuing in 2024. An increase in earning potential, end user-driven demand, a need for a better standard of living and the growing base of aspirational consumer and their lifestyle changes has led to substantial demand and growth in the sector. With economic growth, the premium housing segment too will continue to witness higher demand in the future," added Sastri.

According to Anarock data, India's housing market peaked at new highs in the calendar year 2023 as a total of 4.76 lakh residential units were sold across India's top 7 cities. Experts also pointed out that while Mumbai and Pune will continue to lead the housing market, tier-2 cities will see a lot of action in 2024.

MONEY MATTERS

Why you must be careful of excesses in 2024

AN economic boom often leads to big aspirations. You dream of a bigger home, car or a holiday to an exotic destination. You want to earn more money and spend more than ever before. As we start a brand New Year, you could try a balancing act. The following 12 months could see an economic boom that could boost your income and aspirations.

If you are a regular investor in the stock market, you would know that money is flowing in equity assets worldwide. With the hope of a 'soft-landing' of the US economy, investors are taking a 'risk on' approach towards investing. In 2024 much global money will likely reach high-growth emerging markets like India. With elections in May 2024 and a new government, India's economy will likely see an eventful year ahead. Your finances must be fine-tuned to ensure you do not get carried away amidst the euphoria. You must protect your money against any potential excesses.

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

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WHAT ARE EXCESSES

There is a tendency to go casual about money when there is a boom in the economy. It starts with the 'easy money' from banks and non-banking finance companies. If you look at the latest trend in banking and finance published recently by the RBI, personal loans from banks are at a record. Within personal loans, outstanding from credit cards are at a record high, too. That shows that you, the consumer, are not hesitating to swipe your credit cards for expenditure. You are fine as long as you pay off your credit card bills within the interest-free cycle offered by banks. Excesses tend to happen when you spend today anticipating an income tomorrow.

OVER-INVESTING

Just because there is a boom in the stock market and share prices are record-high, you need not commit all your savings to it. Do not invest in hearsay. You can get information on anything related to financial markets at the tap of your smartphone. Fundamental analysis of companies, technical analysis of stocks, and basic concepts are explained vividly on social media platforms. There are several books you can refer to before taking the plunge. You must engage a professional financial advisor if you have not yet. Work with them to create an asset allocation plan that suits your short- and long-term financial goals.

MONEY-WISE

Financial resolution for 2024 should be simple

TO complete the resolutions that I made in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, ...2023.....because there is no point in making new resolutions if you have not lived up to the previous resolutions, right?

Still for those who have not made any resolutions.....here...

Here is a list of very useful financial resolutions to make:

- I will write down my financial goals. I will make sure that they are smart, specific, measurable, actionable, reachable and time bound. Like "I will buy a car costing ₹39L in 2028 (model x, color y...) with my own money which will come from redeeming the investments in Xyz fund)
- I will convert a big portion of my savings into investments.
- I will live a simple, frugal life by choice – but choose my dream career. You need guts to do it. If you do not, get vicarious pleasure by watching '3 idiots' again and again. When you choose your dream career you enjoy what you are doing –by choice.
- I will start saving/investing for my retirement. Saving for retirement is an old game. Now you need to invest for old age. Remember you will need equity if your retirement from job age is 55 and retirement from the world is 95. **5.** I will have regular conversations about money, saving and investing with my spouse, kids and parents – all people for whom I feel financially responsible.
- I will not deal in direct equity with my current level of knowledge of equities. I will keep learning and buy one or 2 shares a year after doing proper research. If I reach a stage when my direct equity portfolio is doing better than the Index, I may start investing in direct equity in a big way.
- I will increase my financial knowledge – inter-alia by visiting good websites, reading books, etc.
- I will maintain my income and expenditure details diligently and keep reviewing them.
- I will maintain proper records of my assets and liabilities, understand the risk of each asset class, and do proper asset allocation.
- I will protect all those people dependent on me. Will review my term insurance, medical insurance and retirement and make sure it is up to date and adequate, and the nominees are current.

Most important: Properly stick to all the resolutions!

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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Murray reveals 2024 could be his last on Tour

Two-time Wimbledon champion Andy Murray said 2024 could be his final year before retirement after illness and injury hampered his preparation for the new season. Murray's year will begin at the Brisbane International as he builds up for the Australian Open. He is ranked 42nd in the world after a frustrating end to 2023, when he won just one match in his last four events.

WELCOMING 2024 WITH SPORTING SPIRIT

It's time to put aside off-the-field challenges that have hurt Indian sports in the last 365 days or so and enter the New Year with fresh optimism. Paris Olympics, cricket World Cups...there are many big events that could spark Indian sports. **Indraneel Das** takes a dive into the realm of possibilities that could give India a massive boost

THE way 2023 flew by, there is an inherent temptation to think about all that is beautiful for 2024. The time of the year has come when we indulge in introspections and predictions, of the past that has gone by and what the future holds. In sports, a loss can be as gripping a tale as a victory. It is a world where there is no loser. The story could be of either triumph or dejection. It could be a contest where ageing limbs plot the fall of an agile young body and mind with equanimity, where experience compensates for endurance.

So when it comes down to predicting the future in sport, it is not just tricky but downright perilous. Yet we can travel with our imagination to prosperity and good health through sport.

In India, sports and mismanagement are inseparable. Imagine the world changing in 2024. What if we enter into a year when there is absolute silence and everyone in the administration is working to take the sport to greater heights? 2023 was marked by differences within the apex sporting body of the country, the Indian Olympic Association and various other National Sports Federations including wrestling, taekwondo, volleyball, basketball, handball, table tennis, just to name a few. In an ideal 2024, the whole fraternity will decide to come together and follow the sports code in toto. The IOA will finally appoint the Chief Executive Officer that the International Olympic Committee has been insisting on. The sports ministry and the Sports Authority of India will assist the NSFs in every way they can and not meddle with their affairs at all. The All India Football Federation will actually establish a nation-wide grassroots programme instead of just talking about qualifying for distant World Cups.

These days, if one faction within an NSF is recognised by the IOA or the sports ministry, the other faction is recognised by the International Federation. The sports ministry and the IOA did not handle the wrestling fiasco well. Here's hoping for better governance in 2024.

Here's another best-case scenario — The Paris Olympics just got over and India finishes in the top 20. The 2020 Tokyo Olympics saw India finishing 48th with one gold medal and seven medals in total. In Paris, the hope would be for that medal tally to swell to over 10 (first time it will reach double figures) with at least two gold medals. Looking at the delayed 2022 Asian Games a few months ago, where India finished with over 100 medals, 111 to be precise, this is very much possible.

After a memorable 2023, shuttlers Chirag Shetty (L) & Satwiksairaj Rankireddy will be eager to go higher this year

In reality though, it is indeed a bit difficult. If we consider the sports that India managed to win medals at the Olympics in the last five editions, then there will be serious concern for Paris. Weightlifting, which gave us a medal in Tokyo, may face a stiff test this time. Olympic silver medallist Mirabai Chanu is struggling with injury. Champion shuttler PV Sindhu, who had given India a medal in Rio and Tokyo, has looked vulnerable inside the court in recent times. However, her slip in form has been compensated by the rise of doubles exponents Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy. Wrestling had added two medals through Bajrang Punia and Ravi Dahiya but right now the sport itself is in a mess. Only Antim Panghal (women's wrestling 53kg) has secured an Olympic quota so far. A lot will depend on the remaining qualifiers if India wishes to maintain its record of winning at least one medal in the Olympics since 2008. Men's boxing is in doldrums but women boxers are a big consolation.

Another medal sport in the last two decades, shooting seems to miss the target in big events too often. Pistol shooter Manu Bhaker and rifle shooter Sift Kaur Samra have been exceptional but others need to be more consistent. The shooters were the biggest disappointment at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics in 2021. Besides, archery has been on a roll at the Asian Games with compound archers creating history. Over to the recurve team to finally win an Olympic medal.

The brightest spot in recent times has been Olympic and world champion Neeraj Chopra. If consistency is a word that defines champions it has to be Neeraj. He has also been the most unassuming and nonchalant athlete on the athletics circuit. If Mondo Duplantis has raised the bar in pole vault, Neeraj has taken the sport to a different plane. His victories have given belief, especially to the billions in India. He will again spearhead India at the Olympics this year. Despite his form and sartorial dominance, sports can be quirky. Yet, if he is fully fit, he will be among medals in Paris too.

Once again the nation will be hoping for an ICC Trophy when the cricket caravan moves to the US and the Caribbean for the Men's World T20 in June. The richest cricket body has yet to win a global title since the 2011 World Cup. As cricket expands to new frontiers, India would be hoping to expand their fortunes, not just in terms of money but also in terms of positive results. The women cricketers too would be seeking top reward in the World T20 in Bangladesh. In an ideal world, both trophies should be in India. In reality, things could be challenging.

In football, the goal will not be trophies, but putting up a respectable show at the Asian Cup in January. A big victory there could be the spark that Indian Football so desperately needs. Some sports definitely need an overhaul. Table tennis would be one. Boxing is another. After the highs of Vijender Singh, men have struggled to win medals at the Olympics.

2024 may not change anything. Or it could end up changing everything. After all, doesn't the beauty of sport lie in its unpredictability?

NEW YEAR CHALLENGES

Starting Point 2024

2024 is huge with the Paris Olympics in July-August. A look at some of the marquee events this calendar year.

CRICKET
India as host

Jan 11-18: Afghanistan men's tour of India, 3T20Is
Jan 25-Mar 11: England men's tour of India; 5 Tests
Sept: Bangladesh men's tour of India; 2 Tests, 3 T20Is
Oct: New Zealand men's tour of India; 3 Tests
Dec: West Indies women's tour of India; 3 ODIs, 3 T20Is

HOCKEY
Jan 13-19: FIH Olympic Qualifiers (Women) | Jharkhand, India

CRICKET
International schedule (select)

Jan 17-Feb 13: West Indies men's tour of Australia, 2 Tests, 3 ODIs, 3 T20Is
Jan 27-Feb 15: South Africa women's tour of Australia, 1 Test, 3 ODIs, 3 T20Is
Feb 4-17: South Africa men's tour of New Zealand, 2 Tests
May 22-30: Pakistan men's tour of England, 4 T20Is
May 28-31: Zimbabwe men's tour of England, 1 Test
June: ICC Men's T20 World Cup; USA and WI
Jul 10-30: West Indies men's tour of England, 3 Tests
Sep-Oct: ICC Women's T20 World Cup, Bangladesh
Oct : England men's tour of Pakistan, 3 Tests
Nov-Dec: India men's tour of Australia, 5 Tests
Dec: India women's tour of Australia, 3 ODIs

MULIT-DISCIPLINE
Jul 26-Aug 11: Paris Summer Olympics 2024

SHOOTING
Jan 5-18: Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship | Jakarta, Indonesia
Jan 12-22: Asian Shotgun Championship | Kuwait City, Kuwait
April 11-19: ISSF World Olympic Qualification Tournament (rifle & pistol) | Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
April 22–30: ISSF World Olympic Qualification Tournament (shotgun) | Doha, Qatar

WRESTLING
Apr 11-16, Senior Asian Championships, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
Apr 19-21, Asian Olympic Games Qualifier, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
May 9-12, World Olympic Games Qualifier, Istanbul, Turkey
Aug 19-25, U-17 World Championships, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Sept 2-8, U-20 World Championships, Pontevedra, Spain
Oct 21-27, U-23 World Championships, Tirana, Albania

WEIGHTLIFTING
Feb 3-10, Asian Championships, Olympic Qualification Event, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Mar 31-Apr 11, IWF World Cup, Olympic Qualification Event, Phuket, Thailand
Dec 4-14, IWF World Championships, Manama, Bahrain

ROWING
Apr 19-21, World Rowing Asian and Oceanian Olympic and Paralympic Qualification Regatta, Chungju, Korea
May 19-21, World Rowing Final Olympic and Paralympic Qualification Regatta

TENNIS
Jan 14-28, Australian Open
May 27-Jun 3: French Open
Jul 1-14: Wimbledon
Aug 26- Sep 2: US Open

BADMINTON
Jan 16-21: India Open | New Delhi, India
March 12-17: All England Open | Birmingham, England
April 27-May 6: Thomas & Uber Cup Finals | Chengdu, China
Nov 26-Dec 1: Syed Modi International | Lucknow, India
Dec 11-15: BWF World Tour Finals | Hangzhou, China

FOOTBALL
Jun 14– July 14: UEFA Euro 2024
Jun 20 – Jul 14: 2024 Copa América

BOXING
Feb 29-March 12 | World Qualification Tournament | Busto Arsizio, Italy
April | Asian Boxing Championship | TBC
May 23-June 5 | World Qualification Tournament 2 | Bangkok, Thailand

GOLF
April 11-14: The Masters | Georgio, USA
May 16-19: US PGA Championship | Kentuky, USA
June 13-16: US Open | North Carolina, USA
July 18-21: The Open | Ayrshire, Scotland

NATIONAL EVENTS
March 18: Indian Open 400m competition
March 20: Indian Open Jumps Competition
March 22: Indian Open Throws Competition
March 24: National Open Relay Carnival
April 30: Indian Grand Prix -1
May 12-15: National Fed Cup Senior meet
May 30: Indian Grand Prix -2
June 12: Indian Grand Prix-3
June 15-17: National Youth Athletics
June 27-30: National Inter State Senior Athletics
July 15: Indian Grand Prix-4
August 7: National Javelin Day Competitions
August 30-Sept 2: National Open Athletics meet
September 28-30: Indian Open U-23 Athletics meet
November 7-11: Junior National Athletics meet

DIAMOND LEAGUE
April 20: Xiamen, China
April 27: Shanghai/ Suzhou
May 10: Doha (javelin)
May 19: Rabat/ Marrakech
May 25: Eugene
May 30: Oslo
June 2: Stockholm
June 7: Paris (Javelin)
July 12: Monaco
July 20: London
Lausanne: August 22 (Javelin)
Silesia: August 25
Rome: August 30
Zurich : September 5 (Javelin)
Brussels: September 14-15

FORMULA ONE
February 29-March 2: Bahrain GP | Bahrain
March 7-9: Saudi Arabia GP | Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
March 22-24: Australian GP | Melbourne, Australia
April 5-7: Japanese GP | Suzuka, Japan
April 19-21: Chinese GP | Shanghai, China
May 3-5: Miami GP | Miami, USA
May 17-19: Emilia Romagna GP | Italy
May 24-26: Monaco GP | Monaco
June 7-9: Canadian GP | Canada
June 21-23: Spanish GP | Barcelona, Spain
June 28-30: Austrian GP | Spielberg, Austria
July 5-7: British GP | UK
July 19-21: Hungarian GP | Budapest, Hungary
July 26-28: Belgian GP | Belgium
August 23-25: Dutch GP | Zandvoort, Netherlands
August 30-September 1: Italian GP | Italy
September 13-15: Azerbaijan GP | Azerbaijan
September 20-22: Singapore GP | Singapore
October 18-20: US GP | Austin, US
October 25-27: Mexico City GP | Mexico
November 1-3: Sao Paulo GP | Brazil
November 21-23: Las Vegas GP | Nevada, USA
November 29-December 1: Qatar GP | Qatar
December 6-8: Abu Dhabi GP | Abu Dhabi, UAE

EPL: Fulham shock Arsenal

AGENCIES @ London

ARSENAL'S Premier League title challenge suffered another blow in a 2-1 defeat at Fulham on Sunday, as Tottenham beat Bournemouth 3-1 to close in on their north London rivals.

The Gunners' high hopes of a first league title in 20 years have been rocked by two damaging defeats in four days.

Mikel Arteta was looking for a response after losing 2-0 at home to West Ham on Thursday and the visitors started brightly at Craven Cottage.

Bukayo Saka pounced to tap home his first goal in six games after Bernd Leno parried Gabriel Martinelli's initial effort. But Arsenal failed to build on their early advantage and Fulham hit back to snap a three-game losing run.

Results: Saturday: Nottm Forest 2-1 Man United. **Sunday:** Tottenham 3-1 Bournemouth; Fulham 2-1 Arsenal.

Players of Telugu Yoddhas and Odisha Juggernauts in action on Sunday

Yoddhas post thrilling win

AGENCIES @ Cuttack

TELUGU Yoddhas held their nerves in the last 59 seconds to register a scintillating victory over the defending champions Odisha Juggernauts by 29-28 on Sunday in the Ultimate Kho Kho Season 2 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Cuttack.

In a see-saw battle, captain Pratik Waikar scored the most 10 points for the winning side, whereas Aditya Ganpule, Avdhut Patil and Akash Tagore stayed on the mat for more than 5 minutes to claim crucial dream run bonus points for Yoddhas. Defending first, Odisha Juggernauts made a frantic start to the match and earned three dream run bonus points in the first turn of the contest.

Anahat wins U-19 girls' title

AGENCIES @ New Delhi

INDIAN teenager Anahat Singh produced a dominant performance, bagging the girls' under-19 title at the 2023 Scottish Junior Open Squash held in Edinburgh. Anahat claimed an 11-6, 11-1, 11-5 victory over home favourite Robyn McAlpine in the final. It capped off a spectacular year for Anahat, who recorded the under-19 and senior National championship double and won the mixed doubles bronze along with Abhay Singh both at the Asian Games and in the inaugural Asian Mixed Doubles Championships.

Meanwhile, India's Subhash Choudhary rallied to beat compatriot Shiven Agarwal 5-11, 11-4, 6-11, 11-8, 11-5 in the boys' under-15 final, while Shresht Iyer beat Shreyansh Jah 11-8, 11-8, 3-11, 11-8 in an all-Indian boys' under-13 final.

Bigger & better year on cards for women's sport

KALYANI MANGALE @ Chennai

AFTER the inaugural Women's U19 T20 World Cup in South Africa, I met Kass Naidoo. She has been a force to be reckoned with in South African women's sports for years, as a commentator and as a founder of GSports4Girls. The organization sensed something about the year 2023 in January and made a T-shirt that read "2023- The Year of Women's Sports". "Congratulations on a wonderful tournament," Naidoo said before handing me the tee shirt. "Do you really think it's going to be the year of women's sports?" I said with a little bit of hesitation visible on my face. "I hope so," Naidoo said, beaming from ear to ear. 11 months later as I write this wearing the same T-shirt, I could not believe how confident she was and feel mad that I wasn't.

In recent times, with every turn of the calendar page, women's sports have seen exceptional growth. The athletes always had the skills for their respective sports, but 2023 felt like a bigger stage. From football to cricket and basketball to rugby, all over the world, it felt like a year of belongingness.

Take for example FIFA Women's World Cup in July and August of 2023. The cricket and Australian Rules Football-mad Australia and Rugby-crazy New Zealand embraced this tournament like anything. That aggregate attendance figure soared past the previous best set in 2015 and smashed FIFA's ticket sales target of 1.5 million. The TV Audience for the tournament broke the records all over the world. After surviving losses during the 2019 and 2015 editions, the 2023 World Cup broke even by generating a self-sustaining $570 million.

On the home front, Indian women's cricket finally took that big step with the start of the Women's Premier League. The five-team and 22-match long tournament showcased what a franchise league can do for women in one of the biggest markets for the sport. It allowed many players, who would probably not have gotten an opportunity to play for the country, but now have a platform to showcase their skills. It just underlined again that those athletes belong to the game.

There is more to come — in regards to opportunities, money, acceptance, and a lot more, and history will remember those who laid the foundation for all those who laid the foundation for these changes.

2023 forced a few changes, laid a solid foundation, and made sure the efforts of those who want change are not wasted. The ball is in 2024's court now. May it be even better.

MARK YOUR DATES

New heroes could emerge or veterans could turn back the clock. The big events this year promise fascinating storylines. Here's a look at some...

CANDIDATES TOURNAMENT
This is a massive event for India. As many as five from the country (three men and two women) will be in focus during the Candidates Tournament, which is scheduled to be held from April 2 to 25 in Toronto, Canada. The winner of the event will get a chance to vie for the world title.

OLYMPICS/PARALYMPICS
The mother of all events is here. The mega event, which is scheduled to be held in Paris from July 26 and August 11, could be a life-changer for many athletes. The likes of Neeraj Chopra will be looking to defend his crown in men's javelin. Around 4,400 para-athletes from 22 sports will vie for top honours in the XVII edition of the Paralympic Games scheduled from August 28 to September 8.

TENNIS GRAND SLAMS
Spaniard Rafael Nadal is set to return to action during the Australian Open (Jan 14-28). It will be interesting to see how he fares. Will Novak Djokovic continue to dominate or will youngsters like Carlos Alcaraz step up? The year-round tennis events, including the four Majors, promise to be fascinating as always.

T20 WORLD CUPS
The India men's cricket team has recorded many notable wins over the years but the ICC title has remained elusive since 2013 (Champions Trophy). The Men in Blue will have another shot at a major title when they enter the Men's T20 World Cup, which is scheduled to be held in the West Indies and the US from June 4-30. After finishing in the top-four in the 2023 edition of the T20 World Cup in South Africa, the India women's team has the chance to win their first-ever ICC trophy in Bangladesh in September-October.

EURO 2024
Italy will look to defend their crown during Euro 2024, which is set to be held from June 14 to July 14 in Germany. England will be one of the teams to look out for. Having come so close to ending their major trophy drought in the last edition (finished runners-up), they'll be eager to get over the line this time. The spotlight will also be on Portugal ace Cristiano Ronaldo, who could possibly be playing his last Euro.

COPA AMERICA
After the World Cup success, Lionel Messi and the rest of the Argentina players will be intent on defending their crown. They will be highly motivated as this could potentially be Messi's last major event. Uruguay and Brazil, the other big names, will be intent on spoiling their party. The event is set to be held in the USA from June 20 to July 14.

OTHERS
There are other key events across disciplines like the Olympic qualifiers to look out for. F1 will also be held throughout the year and it will be interesting to see if Max Verstappen and Red Bull continue to dominate. The badminton calendar also has some iconic events on offer.

EXPRESS READ

Gujarat Giants beat Bengal Warriors

NOIDA: Young Parteek Dahiya scored 25 points as Gujarat Giants defeated Bengal Warriors 51-42 to register their sixth victory in the Pro Kabaddi League Season 10 here on Sunday. For their opponents Bengal Warriors, Nitin Kumar and Maninder Singh scored 12 and 11 points respectively. Gujarat Giants' Rakesh initiated a smart raid early, giving the men in orange a slender lead.

Khalid head coach of Jamshedpur FC

JAMSHEDPUR: Khalid Jamil has been appointed as head coach of Jamshedpur FC, the football club said on Sunday. Jamil's appointment was announced after Scott Cooper expressed an inability to continue in the position due to unavoidable circumstances. Jamil will embark on his new journey with the Kalinga Super Cup in January, followed by the remainder of the Indian Super League season.

STARTING POINT 2024

THIS NEW YEAR 2024 I RESOLVE THAT...

From Class I to PhD, **Lovely Majumdar** and **Harsha Tallapragada** got in touch with several students to ask them the cliché question, "What is your New Year 2024 resolution?" and received refreshing answers. Vice-Chancellors and Principals chipped in too...

ILLUSTRATION: SOURAV ROY

NO JUNK FOOD

CLASS I MUPPA AARADHYA **St Theresa School, Hyderabad**

I want to learn new things and spend more of my time on extracurricular activities. My other wish is to improve my Hindi. I want to stop eating junk food like ice cream and fries. I also want to organise my timetable, wake up early and sleep early too.

BEING MORE POLITE

CLASS III RAFA ANJUM, **Orchids International School, Kolkata**

My first goal is to read more storybooks so that I can learn how to fix my grammatical mistakes. Secondly, I plan on maintaining a journal regularly. I want to limit screen time and be regular with academics. I want to focus on being polite.

LEARNING ECONOMICS

CLASS V KEYVAN KHANNA, **Glendale International School, Hyderabad**

My academic goal is to improve my handwriting, so that it looks a little bit clean. When it comes to studies, I want to work hard for the main and other subjects too. I want to start learning economics so that in the future, I can handle money.

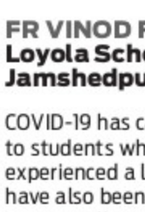
BEING MINDFUL

CLASS VII KAVYA DAS **VIBGYOR Rise, Kalyan, Maharashtra**

I want to improve my grades and gain insight into concepts, specifically in Social Studies and Science. I would like to change a few habits of mine, like procrastination, short attention span, and being unmindful. If I change these, I will be able to complete my work more efficiently.

TO BE THE BEST IN CLASS

CLASS II G RICHIGNA **Jaya IIT Olympiad School, Suryapet, Telangana**



I want to draw better. In school this time, I will try really hard to improve my rank. I scored less marks in a few subjects in my last examination but I want to correct my mistakes and improve. I currently rank second in class but I want to top the class!

STOP CRACKING MY KNUCKLES

CLASS IV HARSHA MYNENI, **Vivekalaya's Prakriya Int'l School, Coimbatore, TN**

I have a clear goal, to achieve better marks in all subjects. In class, sometimes I become a little inattentive hence, I want to improve my listening skills. A habit I want to change is cracking my knuckles, because my fingers start hurting and it disturbs others.

BETTER AT BADMINTON

CLASS VI VIHAAN TOLEY, **Shiv Nadar School, Gurugram, Haryana**

Next year, I aim to improve my performance in academics and badminton. Regarding my academics, I'd like to improve my ability to remember. My first love, however, is badminton, and my goal is to represent the school team.

DEFENDING THESIS

PhD PRANAV JEEVAN P, **PhD, IIT Bombay, Mumbai**

I want to complete my thesis and defend it successfully. I also need to publish more papers that are a product of my research in Artificial Intelligence (AI). I will be looking for a postdoctoral research position where I can continue my work on resource-efficient AI. I also plan to write on issues addressing the democratic ideas of equality, and exposing the exploitative power relationships in our society.

STRIKING THE RIGHT BALANCE

CLASS VIII SIDDHARTH SHARMA, **DPS Bopal, Ahmedabad, Gujarat**

Reviewing my performance in the Math exam revealed consistent efforts but I still fell short of my goal. In the next academic year, I am determined to address all gaps, striving for a more comprehensive planning. My focus will also be on balancing swimming with academic pursuits.

CUT DOWN ON DISTRACTIONS

CLASS IX PADAKULA PADAMASRI, **Sree Vidyanikethan International School, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh**

My new year's academic resolution is to increase my overall grade point and achieve my goal of becoming the top ranker in my class. I would like to focus on improving in Physics. I would also like to know more about Aerospace Engineering to get an early head start towards my dreams. I want to change one habit in my life to improve my academic growth, that is to minimise distractions during study time.

BEING MORE POSITIVE

CLASS X PRATIKSHYA PATTANAIK, **Mission School, Khordha, Odisha**

Regarding academics, there's only one goal of mine which is to work hard, never give up on any circumstances and work on my weak points like the areas where I lack. As for hobbies, I want to learn dancing and badminton. Actually, I procrastinate a lot these days but I want to change this habit. I have a really bad habit of thinking negatively so I will start feeding my mind with positive thoughts.

AIMING TO INTERN

UG K SAI SUDHAMSHU, **BBA, NMIMS, Mumbai**

I plan to learn business analytics and finance which will widen my knowledge in business. To gain more hands-on experience and practical knowledge, I am planning to pursue internships and start building my profile as I enter the second year of my course. With this, I aim to join finance companies like The Big Four and Goldman Sachs for internships in 2024. For the same, I plan to widen my social circle and attend meetings.

STRESS LESS

CLASS XI KRISHNA MISHRA **Colonel's Brightland Public School, Agra, UP**

My main aim is to do my best in my academics and to emerge as the city topper in my Class XII Board exams. I also want to enhance my debating skills. Not to forget, one of my main areas of interest is in Egyptian mythology and for that, I want to pursue research and study it more. When it comes to other personal goals, I have a habit of over-stressing and I will try to change it.

IMPROVING SELF

CLASS XII RAIHAN AHMEDI, **DPS Gandhinagar, Gujarat**

As a student on the brink of facing Class XII Board exams, my journey has been marked by a distinct lack of studious inclinations. I found my own path to learn — one that balances laid-back tendencies with a determined resolution. I aspire to nurture a holistic approach to self-improvement. Engaging in extracurricular activities, exploring new interests, and maintaining a healthy lifestyle are also my goals.

DIRECTORS/VCs

MAHADEO JAISWAL, Director, IIM Sambalpur

The coming year at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Sambalpur is going to be eventful, as a formal inauguration of the campus by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is in tow. We will be gearing up to make the campus more accessible too. We will soon host a conference where over 900 delegates from industry, academia, policymakers and scholars will engage in panel discussions.

PROF SANTANU CHAUDHURY, Director, IIT Jodhpur

Technologies like AI and ML, 5G/6G, Quantum Computing, Industry 4.0/5.0 and so on are changing the nature of engineering products and services. We are also facing challenges like global warming, clean energy and beyond. The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jodhpur's educational and research landscape in 2024 will be dominated by programmes in the areas of these technologies and challenges of sustainability.

PROF TV KATTIMANI, Vice-Chancellor, Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, Marrivalasa, Andhra Pradesh

In our university, this year's plan involves a syllabus revamp based on upcoming skills plus involving industry experts to create student-friendly classrooms. Universities must surpass syllabus limitations, keeping pace with current and emerging skills. This ensures students become future-oriented, fostering a thirst for learning. The goal of the National Education Policy (NEP) is to transform institutes into more than mere degree producers. Although the NEP emphasises result-oriented degrees, a drawback is the inadequate financial and infrastructural support from the government.

PRINCIPALS

FR VINOD FERNANDES, Loyola School, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand

COVID-19 has caused huge damage to students who have not only experienced a loss in learning but have also been mentally and emotionally impacted. So, we want our students to be happy and safe on campus. Nowadays, there is so much attention on technical skills, that humanities is not given importance, whereas, in reality, humanities is equally important. Students also need to be aware of the complexities of our world caused by technological advancement, which offers immense opportunities as well as challenges. They need to learn how best to make use of technology.

Remember, addiction to phones and social media, online bullying — these pose a threat to youngsters' minds.

PALLABI MOHAPATRA, Vice-Principal, Buxi Jagabandhu English Medium School (BJEM), Bhubaneswar, Odisha

One of my key resolutions for BJEM School is to actively foster a culture of innovation and experimentation. This involves encouraging teachers to try new approaches and providing them with the necessary resources and support.

DR SKAND BALI, Principal, The Hyderabad Public School, Hyderabad, Telangana

Students, embrace challenges as opportunities for growth, and remember that learning is a journey, not just a destination. Prioritise time management to balance academics and personal well-being, including engaging in sports. Cultivate curiosity and explore interests beyond the curriculum

SATYEN NAIYA, Principal, Rana Beliaghata High School, Baruipur, West Bengal

My school is situated in the rural areas of Baruipur, with many students hailing from impoverished families. Consequently, a significant portion of these students are frequently absent. My resolution involves a comprehensive approach. I plan to visit students' homes, engage with their families and identify ways to support them in attending school regularly.

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SURPRISE CALL

Michael Harrison, the son of former Vodafone chairman Sir Ernest Harrison, was the first to test the system, calling his father from London's Parliament Square

TWO LINES

Michael said: "Hi Dad. This is the first-ever call made on a UK commercial mobile network". At the other end, photographers captured the moment

UK MOBILE INDUSTRY

The UK mobile phone industry made £15.6 billion in 2013, with more than 83 million people signed up — more than the UK's population of 64 million then

Moon Gazings
PG 3

CLEAN SLATE

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Resolutions, like pie crusts, are meant to be broken. But what's a New Year without a checklist? Reflections on professional highs, focus on health and fitness, and being the best version of themselves... City's popular faces share their plans for 2024 with **Dese Gowda**

Aravind Maiya, managing partner, MTR

There is one thing that's been on my mind of late, and would like to try and improve. For 2024, I've set a straightforward yet meaningful goal: to immerse myself in the world of books rather than in the glare of my phone's screen. As much as I love reading, my phone often intrudes on that pleasure. This year, I'm focusing on getting wholly absorbed in the narratives of books, steering clear of the endless stream of notifications.

Abhishek Majumdar, playwright

My greatest aspiration for 2024 is to be able to write the first draft of my novel and to spend good time with my daughter. Meanwhile, there were many great professional moments in 2023. *Pah-la*, my play on Tibet; Opening of *9 kinds of Silence* in New York. *Desdemona Roopakam* and the curation in India around it, the London Film Award for *Water Station*, and more. It's been an insane year. My key learning professionally has been to learn through many collaborators in different fields, both art and how they manage time.

STARTING Point 2024

Pramod Shetty, actor

I have a lot of ambitious plans for the coming year, with my own production house. But two films, *Richard Anthony* and *Kantara 2*, 'prequels' to my debut film *Ulidavaru Kandanthe* and *Kantara*, respectively, are going to be the highlights. Also, *Laughing Buddha*, my first film in a lead role, is set to come out next year. So it's going to be a great year hopefully. 2023 has been a professional high. The success of *Kantara* meant that I did a few Malayalam, and Tamil films, I've been in discussion for a role in a Telugu film, and of course, I have also done a few films in Kannada, mainly with newcomers. On the personal side, I'm doing a weight-loss regime and hope to continue that. I also want to set a clear boundary between the professional and personal side of things, so I get to spend more time with my family, something which I haven't been able to do till now.

Padmavati Rao, actor-thespian

There are some green dreams that have been underway that should see completion in 2024. One of these is a home without cement. Apart from exhibiting and selling paintings, performing the play *Apne Ghar Jaisa* was a significant highlight for me in 2023. In 2024, I'm particularly excited about a project that brings to children art through stories. I'm hoping to be able to connect children to nature through it. I'm also keen on completing a book I started writing this year. Goals come with deadlines. Unmet deadlines could cause immense frustration so I stay away from that.

Bhavana Ramanna, actor-politician

One of my longest dreams is coming true in 2024. I'm doing a solo performance based on a Kannada book, whose theme has always been close to my heart. For a long time, I wanted to do a film based on it, but it didn't work out. But it's going to be staged early next year as a stage performance. Last year was a turbulent year; for the past few years, I have stayed away from public life. I wanted to take a break and rediscover what I wanted to do. In 2023, I wanted to contest the Vidhana Sabha elections, but unfortunately, it didn't work out as I had hoped. But then I focussed on theatre, and I returned to the stage with the play *Kalpana*, which was a really great experience.

Dancing through time

Hallucinations of an Artefact, is bringing the figurine, The Dancing Girl of Mohenjodaro, back to life by merging dance and AI

POOJA DAS

The performance will be showcased from today and will conclude on Wednesday

History is not just the process of recording events of the past, it is often integral in the project of creating perceptions by interpreting documents recovered from the past. And as times change, history can be rewritten to suit the political narratives of the present. The Dancing Girl of Mohenjodaro, an artefact often held up as the earliest evidence of dance in 'Indian' culture, can be seen as one such contentious figure. The performance, *Hallucinations of an Artefact*, in collaboration with Sandbox Collective, is being showcased from January 1 to 3 at the Bangalore International Centre, Domlur, in an attempt to engage directly with the historical artefact.

According to choreographer Mandeep Raikhy, who took four years to create this contemporary piece, this performance was personally important for him due to the current political climate. "When I started looking a little bit more into the history of this artefact, I became interested in how artefacts become co-opted by the narratives of those who view the artefacts, and how they are nothing but interpretations of people. This realisation, especially given the political scenario that are in, where anything is being given an imagined ancient Hindu history, I felt like it was an important piece to make for myself, to see whether we could relook at our artefacts and recognise that we are playing up our own stories through them."

In recent years, the artefact has become surrounded by many controversies regarding her past and identity. Earlier this year, she was co-opted as a pink-skinned mascot wrapped in a pink blouse and white waistcoat during the inauguration of the International Museum Expo. In 2016, a paper published in the *Indian Council of Historical Research* proposed that the figurine was a representation of the Hindu Goddess Parvati. Showcasing the performance for the first time in the city, Raikhy hopes to start a discussion on history writing. "I would be horrified if there was only one thing that people took away from the work. What would be interesting is for the audience to engage with this artefact in new ways. I hope it opens doors for us to have new discussions around what is our cultural history."

Raikhy not only brings the Dancing Girl to life through the performance but uniquely incorporates artificial intelligence to allow the Dancing Girl to learn movement from the dancers as she becomes a moving collaborator. "As the work is centred around the idea of bringing the dancing girl to life, my long-term collaborator, Jonathan O'Hear and I were thinking about the ways in which the artefact could be brought to life. Since we are also looking at history as having been constructed by mostly people in power who can afford to write history, we thought that artificial intelligence is a good way to create this imagined reality," says Raikhy.

CITY READ

Paediatric surgeons' association celebrates 58th Foundation Day

The Indian Association of Paediatric Surgeons (IAPS) marked a significant milestone as it celebrated its 58th Foundation Day, designated as Paediatric Surgery Day recently. To disseminate awareness comprehensively, the IAPS has undertaken a multi-faceted approach with audio-visual content in 17 different Indian languages covering warning signs for parents, disseminated via social media to the public of all states so that parents will be aware of the symptoms and do not miss out on seeking the help of paediatric surgeons. Modern paediatric surgery deals adeptly with a spectrum of complex issues, including urinary, gastrointestinal, chest, and neurosurgical problems, and various birth defects in children right from birth and up to 18 years of age. On Paediatric Surgery Day, more than 100 medical institutions and 400 districts across the country are actively engaged in special programs.

Canadian International School students spread festive cheer

In keeping with the spirit of the Christmas season, the Canadian International School (CIS), Bangalore, organised a donation drive at the school. This year's drive, the 'Joy of Sharing', brought together the entire community, and the beneficiary NGOs. Students and parents donated goods and funds to these two NGOs which included toys, books, stationery, non-perishable food items, and clothes amongst others.

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Sai Vamshi: Making Waves in the Musical Landscape

In the domain of music, 21-year-old Sai Vamshi has already emerged as a rising star, captivating audiences with his exceptional skills as a Music Composer and Percussionist. Sai Vamshi's versatility spans across Carnatic Classical, Fusion, Film Music, and Western Genres, showcasing a rare dedication to his craft.

His musical journey has seen him compose for a myriad of projects, including Short Films, Music Dramas, Telefilms, and Music Albums. Currently, he is composing music for feature films with notable works in the pipeline.

As the Music Director for the Kannada feature film *Oorina Gramastharalli Vinanthi* and an untitled project, Sai Vamshi's creative prowess takes centre stage. His previous roles as a Rhythm Composer for films such as *Trayambakam* starring Raghavendra Rajkumar and *Damayanthi* starring Radhika Kumaraswamy are proof enough of his significant contribution to the Kannada Film Industry.

Continuing his journey, Sai Vamshi is actively engaged as a Rhythm Composer for upcoming Kannada feature films, including *Andonditthu Kaala* starring Vinay Rajkumar and *Dharmam* directed by Saravanan.

His footprint extends beyond the Silver Screen, with works as a Music Composer for Kannada short films like *Sigpum, Veeram, Jaago*, and *Moorakke Mukthaaya*. This young artiste's ability to blend traditional and contemporary elements in his compositions sets him apart.

Not just confined to the local scene, Sai Vamshi's talent has crossed borders, earning him recognition as an Omni Dextrous performer. His concentration skills are on full display as he sings an *Avadhana Pallavi* while simultaneously playing two different *Talas*.

Specialising in the captivating 'Multi Percussion Solo,' he showcases mastery over instruments like Mridangam, Drums, Rototoms, Tabla, Chende, Bongos, Cajon, Dholak, Djembe, Rhythm Pads, Ghatam, Khanjira, Junk Rhythms, and more. Performing from the tender age of 7, his talents have garnered acclaim from renowned musicians, labeling him a 'Child Prodigy' in the world of percussion.

His global footprint includes performances in approximately 30 concerts across the United States of America. His musical journey has touched various cities, including Bengaluru, Puttaparthi, Hyderabad, Mysore, Davanagere, Ballari, Kudligi, Moodabidri, Belgavi, Udupi, Mantralaya, Kurnool, Cochin, and Bhubhaneshwar.

Sai Vamshi's journey as a Music Composer and Percussionist not only exemplifies his passion for the art but also positions him as a noteworthy talent on the rise in the dynamic landscape of the music industry.

BOOK NOOK

Bullyproof Yourself: Empowering You to Become Resilient

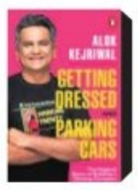
By Virender Kapoor

A transformational book that will lead you out of the fear of being bullied, and into a bully proof life of happiness. The book emphasises that overly protective parenting can have serious repercussions on the mental strength of their kids.

Of Indian Carpets and Carpetwallahs: An Appreciation

By Jon Westborg

The stories of Indian carpets. Delving into the histories of an assortment of unique carpets—that of delicate Kashmiri carpets, a Herati inspired carpet made in Amritsar, and even one made in Rampur jail—collected by Norwegian diplomat Jon Westborg over his lifetime.



The Magical Story of Building a Gaming Company: Getting Dressed and Parking Cars

By Alok Kejriwal

The book is an adrenaline-charged, minute-to-minute, nail-biting business adventure of Alok Kejriwal.

I Named My Sister Silence

By Manoj Rupda

A little boy follows an elephant into a forest. His foray ends in tragedy, for the elephant is eaten alive by wild dogs even as the boy is sitting atop it.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Yoga Session

Embark on a transformative journey with Chittha Sharira – The Conscious Body, a curated yoga series guided by the experienced and vibrant Mina. Dive deep into the harmony of movement, breath, and posture.

When: Jan 2, 7am
Where: Shoonya Center for Art and Somatic Practices, Lal Bagh Main Road
Details: bookmyshow.com

Dance Workshop

Experience the joy of dance, rhythm and expression at these dance classes and groove to the beats of Salsa, Bachata, Jive, Swing, and more.

When: Jan 2, 11am
Where: Lourd Vijay's Dance Studio, Vasanth Nagar
Details: bookmyshow.com

Musician's Tales

Attend the play *Mandra* based on S.L. Bhyrappa's novel of the same name , depicting the success of a musician and his fall as a common man, and his interactions with exploited lady students.

When: Jan 2, 7.30pm
Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
Details: bookmyshow.com

New Year Brunch

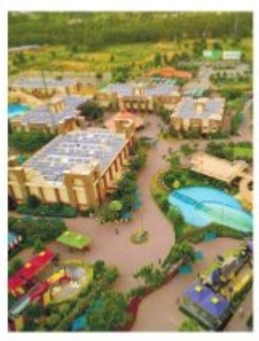
Start your New Year on a delicious note, with delectable cuisines, exquisite beverages, and captivating music.

When: Jan 1, 11am
Where: ITC Windsor, Golf Course Road
Details: 8876938490

Melodic Serenity

The enchanting melodies of Mannatm the band, gracefully weaves through the air, crafting a tranquil and soothing atmosphere.

When: Jan 3, 8.30pm
Where: Tudum, Vasanth Nagar
Details: bookmyshow.com



Wonder World

Celebrate the festive season with a lineup of captivating performances by various music bands. Be thrilled with the musical ball girl, LED juggling act, magic, and illusion acts.

When: Jan 1, 4pm onwards
Where: Wonderla, Mysore Road
Details: www.wonderla.com

Wood Painting

Learn the art of wood painting using acrylics through this workshop and create beautiful landscapes.

When: Jan 2, 5pm **Where:** Art Beat, HSR Layout
Details: bookmyshow.com

ART(Y) FACT

Visitors glance at the artworks exhibited at Bengaluru Print Exchange International, an international print exhibition, at Lavaru Art Center, Bannerghatta Road | ALLEN EGENUSE J

QUICK FIX

LEMON CORIANDER SOUP

Contributed by **Uma Sridharan,** Chennai

INGREDIENTS

- **Coriander:** 1 cup, finely chopped
- **Ginger:** 1 tbsp, finely chopped
- **Garlic:** 1 tbsp, finely chopped
- **Butter:** 2 tbsp
- **Lemon:** 2

Salt and pepper to taste

METHOD

- In a heavy bottomed vessel, add butter and heat.
- Add chopped garlic and ginger. Sauté for a minute.
- Add 3 cups of water. Let it boil.
- Add chopped coriander and reduce the flame.
- Let the coriander boil in the water for a minute. Do not over boil it or else the coriander will lose its flavour.
- Remove from heat. Pour the juice of lemons and mix well.
- Add salt, pepper and a dollop of butter while serving.
- This is an excellent soup for winter.

What's cooking in our kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

SUKHA NAVASANA PRASARITA PADASANA

(EASY BOAT POSE EXTENDED FEET)

This variation of Navasana (Complete Boat Pose) can be practised by beginners, and by patients and senior citizens on the bed. It requires both strength and balance. The strength helps runners, cyclists and other athletes. Beneficial for mothers in postnatal stage.

STEPS

- Start from Dandasana (Staff Pose).
- Then, gently sit on the hips, and stretch the legs forward, breathing here 3-4 times and staying calm.
- Bend your knees while bringing the feet close to the body.
- Now raise your arms from the floor and wrap them around your thighs under the knees.
- Ensure that the elbows are touching the sides of the torso. Again, take a couple of breaths here.
- Now, keep the back straight, and put slight pressure with the hands to push the knees/legs up.
- Make sure knees are bent, arms wrapped around the back of the thighs, shins are parallel to the floor so that the heels are lifted and the feet are hanging. A gentle pressure can be felt.
- Hold this pose for a while, maintaining deep breaths. Be aware of each movement and breath. Come back to your original position as you breathe out.
- Gently, come to Dandasana and then release.

BENEFITS

- The pressure at the core helps to tone the abdomen.
- Helps to get more oxygen to the lungs and heart pumping is improved.
- Also improves blood flow to the body.
- Requires much more balance as compared to the other variations.
- Needs focus and discipline to achieve the pose.
- Shows the spiritual path to practitioners.
- After achieving the required strength, balance, and confidence for this pose, you can prepare for Boat Pose Knees Bent Arms Overhead.

LIMITATIONS

People with injuries or surgeries at hips, rib cage, knees, or abdomen, severe spondylitis, unable to sit, and pregnant women should avoid this. Those suffering from asthma, senior citizens should be cautious.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

FALIMY (Malayalam)

To fulfill the elderly patriarch's wish, a dissonant family embarks on a trip to Varanasi. Will this journey mend their bonds or deepen the fault lines?

Cast: Basil Joseph, Manju Pillai, Sandeep Pradeep, Jagadish

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

KEEDA COLA (Telugu)

A hapless group takes on the challenge of a lifetime when they try to make some quick money and plant a cockroach in a soft drink bottle.

Cast: Tharun Bhascker, Chaitanya Rao, Raghu Ram

- **Watch on:** aha

COMEDY STOCK EXCHANGE (Telugu, series)

Anil Ravipudi and host Sreemukhi lead a hilarious comedian's trade jokes like stocks. Get ready for a cultural roller-coaster of laughter and surprise guests.

Cast: Mukku Avinash, Anil Ravipudi, Sreemukhi

- **Watch on:** aha

KADAK SINGH (Hindi)

AK Shrivastav, a quirky patient suffering from retrograde amnesia, uncovers the reason behind his condition while trying to recollect his life accurately.

Cast: Pankaj Tripathi, Sanjana Sanghi

- **Watch on:** Zee5

SHEHAR LAKHOT (Hindi)

A man's homecoming after 10 years and a conspiracy where nothing is what it seems. Murder, politics, blackmail, love and family coverge in this crime drama about a man trying to come to terms with his past in Lakhot.

Cast: Shruthy Menon, Priyanshu Painyuli, Kubbra Sait

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

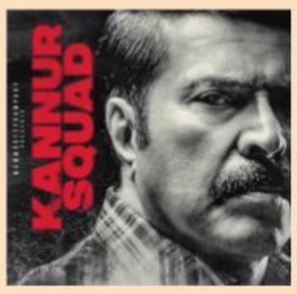
All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

CHINNA (Telugu)

Eeshwar is a government official overseeing his deceased brother's wife and 8-year-old daughter, Chitti, one fateful day, Chitti goes missing, setting Eeshwar on a quest to uncover the truth.

Cast: Siddharth, Nimisha Sajayan, Anjali Nair

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar



KANNUR SQUAD (Malayalam)

In the wake of a scandal, officer George and his crime squad set out to nab a criminal gang. Will they outsmart the odds and bring justice to the forefront?

Cast: Mammotty, Rony David, Rony Raj

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

FOREIGN

LOS FARAD (Spanish, series)

Oskar enters a winner take all game, the world of international arms trafficking. In Marbella where the Farads live, luxury, adrenaline and intense emotions awaits him.

Cast: Susana Abaitua, Miguel Herran, Aparo Pinero

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FIRST ACT (English, series)

It is the journey of child actors and their parents into Hindi film and TV industry. Through interviews with older child actors, parents, casting directors and filmmakers, the series explores the challenges they face.

Cast: Karan Johar, Darsheel Safary, Jugal Hansraj

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

DUBAI BLING (English, series)

The glamorous lives of a group in Dubai. Millionaires are followed in their daily lives against the backdrop of luxury cars, fashion shows and exotic seaside resorts.

Cast: Safa Siddiqui, Kris Fade, DJ Bliss

- **Watch on:** Netflix

MY LIFE WITH THE WALTER BOYS (English, series)

After losing her family in a car crash, a teen moves in with a family of boisterous boys in this soapy drama.

Cast: Nikki Rodriguez, Noah LaLonde, Ashby Gentry

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION	
Netflix:	₹199/month
Prime Video:	₹299/month
Jio Cinema:	₹999/year
Disney+ Hotstar:	₹899/year
Zee5:	₹699/year
Viki Rakuten:	₹299/month
Aha:	₹699/year
SonyLIV:	₹299/month

As we usher in a New Year, here's a sneak peek into what is in store this year

MOON GAZINGS

ARIES: Aries individuals navigating romantic relationships may experience ups and downs at the beginning of the year. Saturn's influence will challenge the authenticity of your romantic connection, emphasising the need for transparency in your relationship. For those currently unattached, the year holds the potential for new love. The period from August to October is conducive to positive relations with your significant other, opening the possibility for shared travel experiences. Keep an eye out for noteworthy changes in your career trajectory during this time as well. Your career and current opportunities for substantial progress are in focus. Students can expect a boost in cognitive development, potentially resulting in academic success. The influence of Jupiter will play a role in enriching your learning experience.

TAURUS: In 2024, Taurus individuals may face increased expenses in matters related to religion and work due to Jupiter. It's advisable to manage finances carefully to avoid any adverse impact on your financial situation. While significant losses are not anticipated, the transit of Jupiter into your zodiac sign on May 1 is expected to resolve these financial concerns. Saturn is set to bring positive advancements and improvements to your job. Throughout the entire year, Rahu would be favourable for you. Rahu would fulfill your wishes and enhance your social engagement, making it an optimal position for you. If you are single, you may meet your life partner this year after October 2024. Overall, health would be fine for Taurus natives.

GEMINI: In 2024, Gemini natives will see a lot of success because of Jupiter. Financial strength will be seen in 2024. Romantic relationships will intensify, and unmarried individuals may find opportunities for marital commitments. Saturn, acting as the master of fortune, will reside in a favourable position, strengthening your destiny and revitalising stalled plans. Rahu and Ketu would potentially lead to some physical weaknesses, thus outdoor exercise is a must for you. Because of Sun and Mars you would be having certain fluctuations in both your business and marital life. Mercury and Venus may accelerate your expenses in the first half of 2024. It is crucial to pay close attention to both health and financial management throughout the year. Despite potential challenges, the overall outlook suggests opportunities for success and growth.

CANCER: Financially, the first half of 2024 promises to be favourable, with potential opportunities for growth and stability. However, it is advisable to consult financial advisors during the second half of the year to navigate potential challenges. Health concerns may arise due to the influence of the Sun, Mars, and Saturn. This year is marked by extensive travel, particularly to religious destinations, and there is a possibility of settling abroad. From May 1 onwards, improvements in your career are foreseen, but it is crucial to steer clear of office politics.

LEO: In 2024, your marital life is set to thrive, making it an overall positive year for you. International travel opportunities will abound, and your intuition skills will be at their peak. Business expansion and significant career growth are on the horizon, although be mindful of some unnecessary expenditures influenced by Rahu. Health concerns may arise due to the effects of the Sun and Mars, with potential sudden physical ailments indicated on the charts.

VIRGO: In 2024, Virgo natives should prioritise their health as Saturn's influence requires special attention. Discipline will be the key to navigating the year successfully. Saturn's impact is poised to bring growth in your career, offering opportunities for overseas travel. Anticipate positive news related to childbirth or your children. To facilitate financial progress, exercise caution by minimising unnecessary expenses. In business, resist the temptation of shortcuts and impulsive decisions. A calculated approach is advisable for progress in business endeavours.

LIBRA: Libra natives can anticipate significant financial success in 2024, courtesy Saturn's influence. The first half of the year is opportune for starting a new business. Rahu may bring about transient health concerns, though not likely to be serious. The second half of the year holds more promise for marriage prospects. Throughout the year, the positive influence of Jupiter and Saturn will pave the way for opportunities and career progress. To maximise these benefits, it is crucial to fulfill your responsibilities. Cherishing your life partner and contributing to married life will contribute to overall well-being.

SCORPIO: Scorpio is poised for new beginnings in 2024, with all planets showering their blessings upon natives of this sign. Throughout the year, you will exude magnetism, drawing the right people into your life. However, a challenging period looms from April to June, influenced by Mars. It is advisable to adopt a considerate communication style to prevent potential strains in relationships. Marital life may experience both highs and lows. For singles, the period after May first holds promise for finding. It is crucial to prioritise health, particularly in the initial months of the year.

SAGITTARIUS: 2024 holds a promise of hope, courtesy influences of the Sun and Mars. It is essential to manage anger during this period. Avoid using a harsh tone, especially with subordinates. The beginning of the year is favourable for your love life, with Jupiter's support. However, after May 1, there may be temptations to pursue infatuations that could result in misunderstandings. The career path will be a mix of highs and lows, potentially leading to frustration. It is crucial not to lose hope during these challenging times.

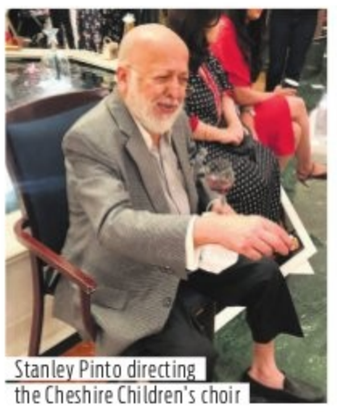
PISCES: Pisceans are advised to exercise vigilance in every aspect of their lives. The influence of the Sun and Mars may create imbalances in various areas. Midyear, anticipate significant growth in both career and finances, while family life remains harmonious. Numerous opportunities for overseas travel will present themselves. However, the health of your loved ones could be a concern this year. While your overall health is satisfactory, it's essential to take particular care of your eyes and feet.

AQUARIUS: Aquarians can expect blessings from Saturn throughout the year. Jupiter's transition after May 1 brings the promise of a fulfilling marital life and favourable business prospects. While there may be strain on relationships from January to March due to the influence of the Sun and Mars, these challenges will be manageable. On the health front, there are promising signs, but it's important not to overindulge in unhealthy food habits.

CAPRICORN: Capricorn natives can anticipate blessings from Saturn throughout the year, and Jupiter's transition after May 1 promises not only happiness on the family front but also a significant boost to your career. It is advised to steer clear of office politics and unnecessary meddling. Instead, focus on building networks and engaging in social activities. Your health is expected to remain positive, making it an overall excellent year for you.

SHEELAA M BAJAJ
(The writer is a numerologist, tarot card reader, and spiritual coach)

GOOD TIMES



Stanley Pinto directing the Cheshire Children's choir

Usha Subramanian, Yousuf Saleem and Reshma Rajpal

RUBINATIONS
Rubi Chakravarti
Writer, actor and funny girl

WHEW! If I ever complained that my life couldn't get any crazier, I spoke too soon! The last two weeks were invaded with a bad bout of flu, a kaleidoscopic of parties and other such Christmassy activities. Everyone was in a mood to 'rock till they drop'!

I always look forward to the tree lighting ceremony at The Oberoi Hotel. It always is a small, intimate gathering of long-time guests and patrons. What impresses me the most is their effort to make this celebration count. Tremendous effort is put into giving the celebration an undertone of charity, giving and sustainability. This time their massive tree was adorned with beautiful indigenous toys from Channapatna. The atmosphere of jubilance was enhanced by the presence of the children's choir from Cheshire home who gave us the audience, goosebumps as they sang beautiful Christmas carols.

I had to rush from there to my bff's home as her daughter (my God-daughter) was visiting from England with her little one. This is the magic of relationships and the magic of this season. Families vie to be with each other. My bff and I share a birthday. Our children are the same age, and now, we have kids who have kids and they too are friends! Generations of love, respect and maintaining relationships is always precious. Friends, who are travel companions and who know that come what may, we would do anything for each other. Every year, we step into the new horizon blessed and happy.

My hubby and I were childhood sweethearts and the moment we turned 'legal' we tied the knot. Looking back on our immaturity if we didn't have our families to look after us, we would probably be quite clueless. I went into my husband's large, gregarious joint family and it was a beautiful ride! We were looked after, our kids were looked after and whether it was a business or an emotional decision, there was always a solution or help forthcoming. My children grew up erudite, socially adjusted, secure and happy to belong to a multitude of cousins, aunts and uncles and grandparents. I am grateful!

Hectic preparations were on at my home since we were all leaving town for two weeks. The whole family was flying down from different corners of the world to celebrate the holidays together. It was five years since I had seen many of them and I was very excited to meet up with them. But the invitations in my ooru didn't stop! Taj West End was on the roll. Fresh out of their mega 120 year old celebration, they had an intimate book launch. After much intellectual mastication, the literary inclined aficionados milled around the beautiful new lounge 'Loya' and shared some delectable hors d'oeuvres over wine and it was wonderful to see how the world is slowly but surely embracing the 'new-normal' with gusto.

Just when we thought it was over, we received an invitation to partake in a lazy brunch at The Sky Deck by Sherlock Pub. Needless to say the choice of friends, the brews and cocktails and of course the food was spot on. The early afternoon meandered into a balmy evening as the enthusiastic bartenders plied us with delicious cocktails. There is nothing like 'too much of a good thing'.

(The writer's views are her own)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANATH KUMAR,** Residing at Olive 402, HM World City, Raghavana Palya, JP Nagar 9th Phase, Bangalore- 560108, have changed my Daughter's name From **IMPANA SANATH** to **SANMITA VINYA** vide Affidavit No. 2235, dated 29th Dec 2023, Sworn before Notary Public D.K. Rameshappa, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHANDRASHEKAR M.** R/at No.20, 1st Main, Manjunatha Layout, Near Batteswara Temple, Bidarahalli, Hobli, Bangalore- 560049, have changed my name to **CHANDRASHEKAR KASIREDDY** vide affidavit dated: 23/12/2023 before Notary **S.R.Nanjunda Swamy** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PUNEETHA MAHADEVA** S/o **Mahadeva Rangaiah** R/at Siddapura Village Halebelur Post SakaleshPura Taluk Hassan Dist- 573134 have changed my name to **PUNITH MAHADEVA** vide affidavit dated: 30/12/2023 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHREYAS ARAVIND**, aged 24 years, residing of No. 479, 4th "B" Cross, 7th "A" Main Road, R.P.C.Layout, Hampinagar, Benglauru-560040, have changed my name from **SHREYAS ARVINDA** to **SHREYAS ARAVIND** vide affidavit dated 30-12-2023 sworn before Notary **H.S. SAKALESH ARADHYA**, BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRAJWAL CHANDRASEKHARA**, S/o Chandrasekhara Halkur krishnamurthy, aged about 33 years, R/o 116, Sai Nisarga Layout, BEML 5th Stage 3rd Main, 3rd Cross Channasandra, R R Nagar Bangalore 560098. have Changed my name from **PRAJWAL CHANDRASEKARA** to Henceforth shall be **PRAJWAL CHANDRASEKHARA**, vide affidavit dated18.12.2023 before notary **S R THULASIKRISHNA**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) VENKATESHA YARAPPA S/o Yarrappa Residing at No.122, Near Gunjur Road, Varthur Hobli, Balagere, Bengaluru-560103, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) VENKATESHA YARAPPA** to **(NEW NAME) VENKATESH YARRAPPA** vide affidavit dated 29.12.2023 swom before the Notary K.C.Shashikala Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mohammad Rafi**, S/o Mohammad Jakaria, Aged about 54 years, Residing at Flat A-009, Meenakshi Block, Balaji Ashirvaad Elite, BG Road, Gottigere, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 083. I, further submits that, my name in my passport was mentioned as **Mahammad Raphi** instead of **Mohammad Rafi.** I am, hereby confirming, declaring, and willing that my name to be mentioned as **Mohammad Rafi** and not **Mahammad Raphi** in all future transactions. Vide affidavit dated 26.12.2023 sworn to before K. Venkateshan, Advocate & Notary, Government of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRAVEEN ASHOK KOTINATOT**, S/o. ASHOK KOTINATOT, resident of No. 1682, Koujalagi, Gokak Taluk, Koujalgi, Belgaum-591227, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRAVEEN KOTINATOT** to **PRAVEEN ASHOK KOTINATOT**, vide affidavit dated 29.12.2023, sworn to before C. Sharada, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **T.C. MOHAMMED IQBAL,** aged 47 years, S/o. P Moidu, residing of No. 164, 2nd Floor, Police Road, Ranasinghpet, Bengaluru-560053, have changed my name from **MOHAMED IQUBAL THYVALAPPIL CHIRAYIL** to **T.C. MOHAMMED IQBAL** vide affidavit dated 30-12-2023 sworn before Notary **H.S. SAKALESH ARADHYA,** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **H. NANJUNDASWAMY,** S/o Hunumaiah, aged about 53 years, R/at No. 81, 1st Floor, 4th Main Road, Asthagrama Layout, Kamakshipalya, North, Bengaluru-560079, Karnataka India do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NANJUNDASWAMY** to **H. NANJUNDASWAMY,** vide affidavit dated 20.12.2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D.S CHANDRAKANTH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) PRABHAVATI KRISHNAPPA W/o Manjunatha C M Residing at Chikkabanahalli, Bidarahalli Hobali, Kannamangala Post, Bengaluru-560067, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) PRABHAVATI KRISHNAPPA** to **(NEW NAME) PRABHAVATHI KRISHNAPPA** vide affidavit dated 30.12.2023 swom before the Notary K.C.Shashikala Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mohammad Sameer**, S/o. Mohammad Rafi, Aged about 25 years, Residing at Flat No. A009, Balaji Ashirvaad Elite, Gottigere, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 083. I, further submits that, my name in my passport was mentioned as **Mahammad Sameer** instead of **Mohammad Sameer.** I am, hereby confirming, declaring, and willing that my name to be mentioned as **Mohammad Sameer** and not **Mahammad Sameer** in all future transactions. Vide affidavit dated 26.12.2023 sworn to before K. Venkateshan, Advocate & Notary, Government of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Roan Nair, S/o. Parmeswaran Nair,** resident of No. P4-904 SNN Raj Serenity, Suraksha Nagar, Yellanahalli Off Begur Road, Bengaluru-560068, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Suteesh Parameswaran Nair** to **Roan Nair**, vide affidavit dated 30.12.2023, sworn to before C. Sharada, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANMITA VINYA** W/o **Sanath Kumar** R/at Olive 402, HM World City, Raghavana Palya, JP Nagar 9th Phase, Bangalore- 560108, have changed my name to **IMPANA SANATH** vide affidavit dated: 23/12/2023 before Notary **S.R.Nanjunda Swamy** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (Old Name) **JOYSON LOBO** residing at Alcazar, FF-02, C Street, 5th Cross Hutchins Road, Bangalore-560084 have changed my name from **JOYSON LOBO to JOYSON BASIL LOBO** (New Name) vide affidavit dated-14-12-2023 before Notary, Y.R.Chandrasekar,Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, OM PRAKASH SEERVI, Residing at No.1, Hennur Baglur Main Road, Kothanur, Bengaluru – 560077, have changed my Minor Son's name from **DIKSHIT RATHORE** to **DIKSHIT SEERVI** vide affidavit dated 29.12.2023 sworn before Notary M.K.Devaki Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARSHAD KHADER A.** aged 40 years, S/o. **Mr. Asmath P,** residing of No. 1-39, Nethaji Road, Kuppam Village & Post, Chittoor District, Andhrapradesh, have changed my name from **ABDUL KHADER A. to ARSHAD KHADER A.** vide affidavit dated 30-12-2023 sworn before Notary **H.S. SAKALESH ARADHYA,** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHWETHA .D.R,** age 30, R/at No. 1415, EWS, 3rd Stage, Yelahanka Newtown, Bangalore-560 064 do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **SPANDHANA .P** to **ALYA ARCHANA**, henceforth she shall be known and called as **ALYA ARCHANA** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 30th Dec. 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G.P. CHAYA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **D S LAKSHMI**, W/o. D. Srinivasa Gopala, residing at No. 50, Sri Deva Kalanidhi, Car Street Doddaballapura, Bengaluru District-561203, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **G SREELAKSHMI** to **D S LAKSHMI**, vide affidavit dated 30.12.2023, sworn to before M. Radhamma, Advocate Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Jyothsna Pais, aged about 44 years, currently residing at Flat No. 110, Iconest 5, Haralur Main Road, Kudlu, Bangalore -560068, have changed my name to **JYOTHSNA MENEZES** vide Affidavit dated 30.12.2023 sworn before Advocate and Notary Public Prakasha .C, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AFIYA** R/at Flat No.G4, Nagarjuna Elyses No.47, Davis Road, Richards Town, ST Thomas Town Post, Bangalore-560084, have changed my name to **AFIYA SHARIEFF** vide affidavit dated: 23/12/2023 Before Notary **S.R.Nanjunda Swamy** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MATILDA JESLETT STEPHEN** W/o **Wilson Peter Rajamanickam** R/at No 53/226 Bornmann Enclave Bagalur Main Road Kothanur Bengaluru-560077 have changed my name to **MATILDA JESLETT PETER** vide affidavit dated: 30/12/2023 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **SURESH.S & N.NAVEEN KUMARI,** R/at No.85, 7th Cross, Pipeline Road, B.H.E.L Mini Colony, Mallasandra, T.Dasarahalli Post, Bangalore-560 057, have changed our Son's name from **KETHAN.S** to **HADHWITH.S** Vide affidavit dated: 20-11-2023, sworn before Notary T.V. Bhadravijaya, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VENKAT ALLAM,** aged about 41 years, S/o Mr. Allam Ramanaiah, Residing at Flat No. A-703, Sekhar Olympus, 58 Sir, M. Vishveshwaraiah Road, Horamavu Agara, Bangalore - 560043.
I have changed my name from **"ALLAM VENKATARAMANAIAH"** to **" VENKAT ALLAM"** Affidavit **Dated: 29/12/2023** sworn to before **R.Chandrashekar,** Advocate & Notary at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **K. NAVEEN KUMAR,** S/o Sri Krishna Reddy, aged about 41 years, R/at No. 107, Jigala, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru-562107, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **K NAVEEN KUMAR** to RISHAB SENA REDDY, henceforth I shall be known and called as **RISHAB SENA REDDY** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 30.12.2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **T.C THIMMARAJA,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NOOR KHUDSIYA, W/o. Sabir, Resident of No.85, 2nd Cross, Behind Sadiq Masjid, Coconut Garden, Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru-560090, have changed my minor Son's name from **SYED ABUZAR.S.** to **SYED ABUZAR,** Vide affidavit dated: 16.12.2023 before notary V. RAJASHEKHARA, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHAMMED IFTAR**, Resident of No. 836/A1/1, 3rd Cross, 9th Main, Triveni Road, KN Extension, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore - 560 022, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MOHAMMED IFTHAR** to **MOHAMMED IFTAR** vide affidavit dated 9.12.2023 sworn to before R. Vishwanath, Advocate and Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KIRTHIKA LAKSHMI NARAYANA** Aged about 37 years (D.O.B. 23/09/1986), D/o. Mr. Subramanian KV & Mrs. Ananthalakshmi, and resident of No. 455. Kalki Nivas, New BEL Road, Devasandra, Chikkamaranahalli, Bangalore -560054 have changed my name to **KIRTHIKA S** vide Affidavit dated 29.12.2023 sworn before advocate and notary public Ambika .S, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (Old Name) **SHWETHA LOBO** residing at Alcazar, FF-02, C Street, 5th Cross Hutchins Road, Bangalore-560084 have changed my name from **SHWETHA LOBO to SHWETHA VIRGINIA LOBO** (New Name) vide affidavit dated-14-12-2023 before Notary, Y.R.Chandrasekar,Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, OM PRAKASH SEERVI, Residing at No.1, Hennur Baglur Main Road, Kothanur, Bengaluru – 560077, have changed my Minor Son's name from **SANDEEP RATHORE** to **SANDEEP SEERVI** vide affidavit dated 29.12.2023 sworn before Notary M.K.Devaki Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, OM PRAKASH. K, Residing at No.250, 2nd cross, Chellikere Road, A Block Hennur Cross, Opp to Colorado Appt, Kalyananagar, Bengaluru – 560043, have changed my Minor Son's name from **MOHIT.O** to **MOHIT SEERVI** vide affidavit dated 29.12.2023 sworn before Notary M.K.Devaki Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GURRAM SUMA MYTHILI,** D/o Ashok Kumar Gurram, age 23 years, R/at No. 48, 3rd Cross, T Ramaiah Garden, Near SOS Child Village, Hulimavu, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560 076, Karnataka, India do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **GURRAM SUMA MYDHILI** to **GURRAM SUMA MYTHILI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **GURRAM SUMA MYTHILI** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 30th Dec. 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D.K. RAMESHAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NAVEEN KUMAR .K.C @ NAGARAJ .K.C,** S/o Chandrappa. K.R, aged about 40 years, R/at, No. 988, Widia School Main Road, Hesaraghatta main road, Havanoor Extn, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Nagasandra, Karnataka-560073, do hereby declare that I have changed my Son's name from **HEMANTH K.N.** to **HARSHA VARDHAN .K.N** henceforth he shall be known and called as **HARSHA VARDHAN .K.N** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 20/12/2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASHA. C,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Shaik Guljar**, W/o. Mohammad Rafi, Aged about 49 years, Residing at No. A009, Ground Floor, Ashirvaad Elite, Doddakammanahalli, Gottigere, B.G. Road, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 083. I, further submits that, my name in my passport was mentioned as **Shaik Gulajar Begum** instead of **Shaik Guljar.** I am, hereby confirming, declaring, and willing that my name to be mentioned as **Shaik Guljar** and not **Shaik Gulajar Begum** in all future transactions. Vide affidavit dated 26.12.2023 sworn to before K. Venkateshan, Advocate & Notary, Government of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Maya Suvarna**, W/o. Sajan Rohan Suvarna, D/o. K Somanath Mallya, Residing at No. 9/1, 1st Main Road, 3rd Block East LIC Colony, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 011, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Maya K** to **Maya Suvarna** vide affidavit dated 30.12.2023 sworn to before C. Sharada, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NEETHA M NAIK,** W/O MAHALINGA M, AGED 58, RESIDING AT NO 77, 9TH MAIN, BANNERGHATTA ROAD, CANARA BANK COLONY SECTOR 1, NOBO NAGAR, BANGALORE SOUTH, BANGALORE, KARNATAKA - 560076, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **NEETHA K, NEETHA KUTELU** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 19-12-2023 SWORN BEFORE ADVOCATE & NOTARY, P .VIJAYA KUMAR BANGALORE- 560011.

The mass commercial entertainer starring Darshan, which has been breaking records in Karnataka, is now in high demand for dubbing and release in multiple languages

KAATERA SET TO MAKE A BIG SPLASH OVERSEAS

A SHARADHAA

DARSHAN'S *Kaatera,* which was released on December 29, set the box office on fire, turning out to be the biggest blockbuster in Kannada in 2023. According to the latest results, the film continues to soar in gross collections and demand, prompting additional screenings. Directed by Tharun Kishore Sudhir under Rockline Entertainment, this commercial entertainer is expected to draw packed houses during the New Year and sustain a prolonged theatrical run.

An overwhelmed Darshan shared his heartfelt thanks with his fans, whom he addressed as 'celebrities,' expressing speechlessness over the love showered on him and the film.

Meanwhile, the production house is aiming for a grand overseas release, starting with Dubai. Producer Rockline Venkatesh shares, "*Kaatera* will premiere in Dubai on January 6, with a grand launch event—an elaborate 'Kaatera festival' with the team in attendance." Additionally, the film is set to have a theatrical run across the globe, with plans to release in around 9 countries, including Germany, UK, the USA, Canada, and Ireland. Official release dates will be announced shortly.

Despite its initial release being limited in North India, Rockline Venkatesh plans to dub *Kaatera* and release it in multiple languages soon. "*Kantara* is a recent example—a Kannada film later released in multiple languages, achieving massive success. Likewise, *Kaatera,* with its universal themes appealing to diverse audiences, transcends language barriers. Highlighting farmer-centric real incidents, it's in high demand for dubbed versions in various languages across different states," says Rockline Venkatesh, ecstatic over the film's overwhelming response in Karnataka.

The film, with a storyline penned by Tharun Sudhir along with Jadeshaa K Hampi, and dialogues by Maasthi, features an ensemble cast including Aradhana, Shruthi, Vinod Alva, Kumar Govind, Jagapathi Babu, child artiste Rohit PV, Birada, among others. It has music and cinematography by V Harikrishna and Sudhakar S Raj, respectively.

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...says Dinakar Thoogudeepa, who will be collaborating with Hattrick hero Shivarajkumar for a project backed by A R Keshav and B S Shudhindra

CE FEACTURE

DIRECTOR Dinakar Thoogudeepa, known for movies like *Navagraha* and *Sarathi,* is set to team up with Century Star Shivarajkumar. This fresh collaboration between actor and director is said to be both entertaining and experimental. The film is backed by AR Keshav and BS Sudhindra under the Bindya Movies banner and the makers will officially unveil the details on New Year's Day at 11:11 am. The film, billed to have a contemporary storyline, is penned by Priyadarshanini Rama Reddy.

Shivanna, currently busy with Arjun Janya's *45* and Narthan's *Bairathi Ranagal,* will later join Dinakar for this film, currently in pre-production. The team, still finalising the cast, plans to release the title on Shivaratri.

In an interview with *CE* ahead of the announcement, Dinakar expressed his excitement about directing Shivanna. "This will be my first collaboration with Shivarajkumar. However, I have known Shivanna even before my film career began. I even made my entry in films as an assistant director and assistant cameraman in his films, *Valmiki* and *Chigurida Kanasu,* respectively. Every director dreams of making a film for someone in Rajkumar's family, known as Doddmane. While I missed directing Puneeth Rajkumar, I'm thrilled to helm Shivanna's film now. Shivarajkumar is a director's artist, and so was Puneeth. Their dedication brings the director's vision to life on screen," mentioned Dinakar, who hinted at a surprise for Shivanna's fans and is focused on showcasing Shivanna in a unique character.

Meanwhile, Dinakar is gearing up for the release of *Royal,* a film produced by Jayanna Films starring Viraat and Sanjana Anand. The project, currently in post-production, is expected to hit screens in in April.

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>
> Dinakar Thoogudeepa, director

THE 'WARNING SONG' FROM THE *BACHELOR PARTY* IS AIMED AT MARRIED MEN

CE FEATURES

THE teaser of *Bachelor Party,* which is gearing up for a Republic Day release, was recently unveiled by the makers. Backed by Rakshit Shetty, the youth comedy has been raising the hype right from the teaser, and the makers have shifted promotions to the next gear by launching the first single just in time for the New Year.

Titled Warning Song, this peppy number from the *Bachelor Party* is about people wanting to get married and caters to the promise of being a fun film. The song's chorus, "*Byadavo magane nooru tharada scamuu maduve...*" is sung by Vijay Prakash. With music by Arjun Ramu, and lyrics by Abhijit Mahesh and Veeresh Shivamurthy, Warning Song has choreography by Bhushan.

Abhi, a writer in films featuring Rakshit Shetty and Rishab Shetty, turns director with *Bachelor Party,* which stars Digant, Loose Mada Yogi, and Achyuth Kumar in prominent roles. The film was shot in locations like Bangkok and Pattaya.

Bachelor Party, set for a January 26 release, is produced by Rakshit Shetty and Amit Gupta under the Paramvah Studios banner, with Aravind Kashyap handling the cinematography.

A still from the film

'Rangayana Raghu's character is an important layer of *Just Pass*'

Ranyana Raghu

CE FEATURES

WE previously reported about *Just Pass*, starring Shri Mahadev and directed by KM Raghunath, getting ready for an early 2024 release. The film marks Rangayana Raghu's first time playing a principal in a film. The makers have now unveiled the senior actor's first look from the film, and shared a few details about the character. "Rangayana Raghu's role is a mix of youth and wisdom. He's the lifeline for those who just passed out of his education establishment," mentions the director. The film also stars Prakash Thuminadu, Sadhu Kokila, Govinde Gowda, Deepak Rai, and Danappa in the cast.

"If the story is the backbone of the movie, Rangu Raghu's role adds another layer of weight. His presence shaped the story, and he perfectly fits into the tailor-made character. He is someone, who thinks deeply about society. His personality is simple, a man with a modest lifestyle. Throughout the entire film, he wears the same footwear. His character has more unique aspects," explains the director. Produced by KV Shashidhar under the Rays Entertainment banner, *Just Pass* has Harshavardhan Raj in charge of the music, and Sujay Kumar taking on cinematography.

Team *Online Maduve...*

*Online Madve...*obtains U/A, plans January release

CE FEATURES

ACTORS and social media sensations Jagapathi and Sushmitha are teaming up for Vempalli Bawaji's directorial venture titled *Online Maduve Online Shobana*. The film has been certified U/A and will be hitting theatres this month. Produced by Apsara Movies, the film carries a comedic storyline that revolves around a young couple associated with an online app. Director Vempalli Bawaji, who has also written the story, said, "The film is a complete entertainer with a captivating storyline. When I was searching for the perfect pair for this film, I found Jagapathi and Sushmitha, who had become quite famous on social media and through their reality shows. The connection between today's youth and social media is a theme highlighted at length in this film."

Alongside Jagapathi and Sushmitha, Online Maduve Online Shobana stars Sirunde Raghuram, Gajendra, Raghavi, and anchor Dayananda among others in pivotal roles. While Balu has handled the cinematography, the film has Alex taking care of the background score.